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### THE PREVENTION OF PIRACY.

#### HOME GOVERNMENT'S VIEWPOINT.

#### RESPONSIBILITY RESTS WITH SHIPPING COMPANIES.

#### EXTRALITY QUESTION.

London, Dec. 23.  
China problems formed the subject of numerous questions in the House of Commons to-day, piracy and banditry particularly attracting attention. Mr. Alexander said that the responsibility of preventing piracy rested largely with the shipping companies, and no indication was given of a change of decision regarding the withdrawal of piracy guards in April.

The Foreign Secretary told the House that His Majesty's Government had never, in any way, contributed to ransom money paid to bandits by British subjects in China during the last three years.

#### Navy and Pirates.

On the subject of piracy, Mr. A. V. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty, said he was satisfied that everything possible was being done by His Majesty's Navy to prevent practical outrages on British merchantmen in China.

As regards the methods adopted for the prevention of such outrages, he pointed out that the pirates travelled in the ship disguised as passengers, and the responsibility for dealing with this form of piracy rested primarily with the shipping companies and the civil authorities ashore.

#### Governor's Committee.

His Majesty's Navy assisted in the suppression of piracy by patrolling the vicinity of well-known pirate bases, such as Bina Bay, in order to intercept pirated ships before they are brought in and abandoned.

A Piracy Committee under His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong was studying the question and constantly urging upon the Chinese authorities, the necessity for using every means in their power to locate and round up pirates in their villages.

The only additional expenditure of the Navy due to piracy, was the cost of the fuel expended in the special patrols.

#### Extrality Issue.

In answer to questions regarding the future of foreign rights in China, Mr. Arthur Henderson said he had received no intimation that the Chinese Government intended to abolish extraterritoriality on January 1st, but the Chinese Minister (Dr. C. T. Wang) referred to it as a possibility in conversing with the representative in Nanking of His Majesty's Minister in Peking.

Mr. Henderson declined to answer a question as to what steps he would take if the Chinese Government abolished extrality.—*Reuter.*

#### Wang Chung-hui's Opinion.

On China's intentions in this matter, it is interesting to note that Dr. Wang Chung-hui, passing through Singapore on his way to Nanking a few days ago expressed the hope that extrality would be abolished on January 1st.

"Everything is ready for the abolition of extraterritoriality in China on Jan. 1," he said to a Straits Times representative. "The criminal and other codes of law have been promulgated, and it only remains for the second part of the civil code to be finished, before our legal system is complete. Judges will be able to try without interference from the executive authority."

Questioned as to whether China would adopt the jury system, Dr. Wang said that China did not contemplate doing that. Rather was she modelling her laws on the Continental system.

"We will not have the jury system," he said, "because we believe that juries are not normally capable of understanding the facts of the case."

"Our principal reason for abolishing extraterritoriality is that we believe it to be an abuse of

### HAICHING PIRACY SEQUEL.

#### SECOND OFFICER GETS A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN.

#### TO GO TO HOSPITAL.

It was learned this morning that Mr. A. J. Johnston, who was second officer of the s.s. Haiching when she was pirated recently, is suffering from a nervous breakdown and will be removed to hospital to-day.

Mr. Johnston was transferred to the s.s. Halyang, of the Douglas Line, soon after the Haiching's return to port. At that time he seemed to be suffering no serious ill effects from his nasty experience and it was not anticipated that his return to duty would have any consequences.

Last night, however, Mr. Johnston was obviously suffering considerably and it was necessary for him to take to his bunk.

This morning he was no better and it was decided that he will have to go to hospital for a week or so in order to repair his shattered nerves. Mr. Johnston is a most popular officer in his Company, and the news of his illness will be received with deep regret throughout the Colony.

### MISS HELEN WILLS MARRIED.

#### SIMPLE CEREMONY IN A SMALL CHAPEL.

Berkeley, Dec. 23.  
Miss Helen Wills, the world-famous tennis player, and Mr. Fred Moody, the San Francisco broker, were married to-day in the picturesque little chapel of St. Clement, at the foot of the Berkeley Hills.

The ceremony was very simple. Only the parents of the bride and bridegroom, and the bridegroom's brother and sister-in-law were present.

The afterthoughts of the honeymoon have been kept a secret but it is believed that the happy couple are leaving on a private yacht.

Miss Wills was fully composed during the service, which did not contain the word "obey."

The bride received hundreds of telegrams of congratulation from all over the world, and masses of beautiful flowers from friends and well-wishers.—*Reuter's American Service.*

### RUSSIAN REBUFF TO RUMANIA.

#### REFUSAL TO ACCEPT PACT COMMUNICATION.

Moscow, Dec. 23.  
M. Herberle, the French Ambassador to Moscow, visited M. Litvinoff, the Foreign Commissar to-day, in order to hand him a communication with the action of Mr. H. L. Stimson reminding Moscow and Nanking of their obligations under the Kellogg Pact.

M. Litvinoff refused to accept the communication.

He declared that as the Sino-Russian dispute was almost completely settled, all statements about joining in Mr. Stimson's action would be aimless.

They could only be considered as hostile demonstration.—*Reuter.*

foreigners' rights. It is used by them to evade taxation and enjoy a privileged position in China. It offends the national sentiment of sovereignty in China, and acts as a barrier between Chinese and foreigners.

#### Medieval System.

"Extraterritoriality must be abolished on Jan. 1, because other nations have given up their rights all except the United States, England, France and Holland."

"China is entitled to fair consideration because it is the only country where the medieval system of extraterritoriality still exists."

Pressed for an answer as to what length of time a prisoner would have to await trial under the new system, Dr. Wang said that a definite period had been fixed in the code of procedure, but at the moment he could not recall it.

### ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF VICEROY.

#### LORD IRWIN'S CABLE TO HIS MAJESTY.

#### "FEW OF US REALISED WHAT HAD OCCURRED."

#### CONFERENCE UPSET.

London, Dec. 23.  
The dastardly attempt on the life of the Viceroy of India was mentioned in the House of Commons to-day, when in reply to questions by Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Sir John Simon, the Secretary of State for India (Mr. Wedgwood Benn) read, with the King's permission, a message addressed by the Viceroy to His Majesty the King as follows:

"I regret to have to inform His Majesty that an attempt was made this morning to wreck my train by exploding a bomb under it as we were approaching Delhi."

"Luckily no harm was done and few of us realised what had occurred."

"I hope Your Majesty, therefore, will not be disturbed by exaggerated reports."

Mr. Wedgwood Benn added that he felt sure he was expressing the sentiments of the whole House in voicing profound thanks that Lord and Lady Irwin and their staff providentially escaped injury in the dastardly outrage.

Meanwhile, a report has been received from New Delhi stating that the Conference of the Viceroy with the principal Nationalist leaders including Gandhi and Motilal Nehru, began in the afternoon and broke down on the main question, Dominion Status.

#### Bomb Buried.

According to the latest information regarding the outrage, the bomb was buried between the rails and was fired by means of a concealed cable attached to a small battery, which was afterwards found some distance from the railway. The bomb exploded before the Viceroy's coach passed over it.

This is the second bomb outrage in Delhi this year. Two bombs were thrown last March from the gallery of the Legislative Assembly, and five people were injured.

An attempt to assassinate Lord Hardinge, who was then Viceroy, was made exactly seventeen years ago to-day.

Lord Hardinge was about to make his State Entry into Delhi, accompanied by Lady Hardinge. They were riding an elephant and the bomb struck the howdah, wounding Lord Hardinge and killing the attendant.

It is stated in a message from New Delhi that many of the local residents mistook the sound of the explosion for the guns fired in honour of the Viceroy's return.

#### Viceroy's Subsequent Speech.

In consequence, when Lord and Lady Irwin arrived at the new Viceroyal House, the Municipality was unaware of the outrage and presented Lord Irwin with an Address of Welcome.

In reply, the Viceroy dealt with the fact that the centre of Imperial rule had returned to Delhi, and he paid a warm tribute to the architects, Sir Edwin Lutyens, and Sir Herbert Baker, whose work at New Delhi formed a worthy setting for the labours of "those whose task it is, under Providence, to achieve the full destiny of India among the Dominions of the British Empire."

He trusted that "the qualities of unity of design and beauty joined to vigour in execution may ever be reflected in the work of those who labour here in service to India."

#### Story of the Attempt.

Delhi, Dec. 23.  
The Viceroy's train was bombed ten miles from Delhi this morning. The dining car door was smashed and one was injured. The occurrence took place on the eve of the Viceroy's conference with five Nationalist leaders in the afternoon.

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### SHANGHAI SHARE UPHEAVAL.

#### SETTLEMENT DAY PROVES DISASTROUS.

#### BROKERS AT WITS' END

#### LOSSES FEARED GREATEST FOR 20 YEARS.

Shanghai, Dec. 24.  
There were frenzied scenes on the Stock Exchange yesterday in connexion with the attempts to adjust the December Settlement.

It had long been expected that there would be serious difficulties to be faced, and this proved to be only too true. Many brokers were at their wits' ends to meet their obligations.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was open until midnight for the purpose of making adjustments in regard to the millions of taels involved.

#### Hundred Million Involved.

One report puts the sum involved at no less a figure than a hundred million taels.

Glens and brokers exploded various bombshells at the eleventh hour, and hard words were exchanged.

Preliminary actions were heard in the Supreme Court, Mr. David Raphael, a broker, sued Miss Edith Bertenshaw for a sum of Tls. 10,000, and Mr. Victor Gensburger, a broker, sued Mr. Samuel Gatten, another broker, for Tls. 9,000. It is believed that these actions are merely the forerunners of other lawsuits.

#### Several Suspensions.

Several members of the Exchange have already been suspended, but further action has been deferred until December 31st, when an extraordinary meeting of the Stock Exchange will be held to consider resolutions.

The losses are the heaviest for twenty years. Ewas and rubbers are chiefly responsible for the crisis. Repercussions are expected in commercial circles.

Many traders have been completely wiped out.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

### LOST \$3,700 IN NOTES.

#### FELL OUT OF POCKET IN STREET.

Mr. Wong Ying-fai, residing at 40, Connaught Road West, suffered a heavy loss yesterday morning, when he found that an envelope containing \$3,700 in Hongkong notes had fallen out of his coat pocket.

Mr. Wong was walking near the Central Market at the time he discovered the loss, and immediately made a report to the police.

### DINNER TO U.S. NEWSBOYS.

#### U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BE HOST.

Atlantic City, Dec. 23.  
Mr. Edge, the American Ambassador to Paris, who started life as a newsboy, has called inviting the newsboys of Atlantic City to be his guests at his annual New Year's dinner to his former comrades.—*Reuter's American Service.*

### INDIAN AIR MAIL.

#### KARACHI TO DELHI ON SATURDAY.

London, Dec. 23.  
The Secretary for India stated in the House of Commons that the Karachi to Delhi air mail would be inaugurated in connexion with air mail which would arrive at Karachi from London on December 28th.—*British Wireless.*

### POLICY IN EGYPT DEBATED.

#### MASTERLY SPEECH BY MR. HENDERSON.

#### NO MEDDLING WITH INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION.

#### REMOVING SUSPICION.

London, Dec. 23.  
The Government's policy in Egypt was raised in Parliament to-day, on a motion for adjournment, by Sir Austen Chamberlain, who was Mr. Baldwin's Foreign Secretary.

He said that though there was no direct change in the situation in regard to the Sudan as a result of the new proposals, there was a contingent promise to allow an Egyptian battalion, in certain circumstances, to return to the Sudan. He regarded that as a dangerous retrograde step.

The time had not come, if ever it should come, when we could divert ourselves of any part of our responsibility for the Government of the Sudan and share again the responsibility for it with the Egyptian people.

#### British Prerogative.

If an Egyptian battalion were sent back to the Sudan, would it be made perfectly clear that its continuance there depended solely upon the decision of the British Government, and that if there were any repetition of the offences which led to its withdrawal, it would be the prerogative of the British Government, uncontrolled by reference to any other authority, whether in Geneva or at the Hague, to order and enforce its withdrawal?

Referring to Clause Five of the new proposals, providing that each of the contracting parties should undertake not to conclude political agreements, prejudicial to the interests of the others, Sir Austen Chamberlain said it was ridiculous to say that the foreign policy of the British Government and the British Empire was to be governed by the interests and the circumstances of the Kingdom of Egypt.

#### Profound Anxiety.

He hoped the Foreign Secretary would reconsider the clause, based as it was on mutuality, which did not exist in fact.

It was proposed that British troops should leave Cairo and Alexandria. Had they the right to go back at once if the lives of foreigners in Cairo or Alexandria or elsewhere were threatened? He viewed with profound anxiety the consent of the Government to the removal of those troops.

Mr. Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, replying, said his policy was the same as Sir Austen Chamberlain's had been when he was Foreign Secretary. His proposals contained one modification as contrasted with the proposals in the Chamberlain-Sarwat Treaty.

#### Troop Movement.

This concerned the location of troops for defence of the Canal. Under the Chamberlain-Sarwat proposals, the British Government was not prepared to withdraw troops from the interior to the banks of the Suez Canal for a period of ten years.

Knowing that the Egyptians did not like to have British troops in occupation of their capital, the present Government did not consider it right to continue the occupation for ten years, and decided to terminate it when proper arrangements had been made for the troops to be located near the Canal—located there for the purpose of ensuring the defence of that vital artery of British Imperial communications.

This would take from three to five years from the coming into operation of the treaty that might result from these negotiations, because the Government had determined that the Egyptian Government should satisfy our military authorities as to the accommodation and amenities necessary for the comfort of our troops, and he thought that by the time the operation became practicable, the best part of ten years would have gone.

#### Government Attitude.

The Government believed it impossible to keep a military force in Egypt.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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### WOMEN SHOT BY TROOPS.

#### STATEMENT ON DISORDERS IN NIGERIA.

#### MOB'S CLEVER PLAN.

London, Dec. 23.  
Answering questions in the House of Commons to-day on the recent disturbances in Southern Nigeria, Dr. Drummond Shields, Under Secretary of State for India, stated that a mob of women armed with sticks arrived at Opobo on December 16 and cut off the District Officer and twelve members of the Police Force from the rest of the town, leaving the Europeans defenceless.

A platoon of troops under Lieutenant R. M. Hill arrived, but the mob which had gathered pushed the troops back. After giving over ten warnings, and as attempts were made to snatch the rifles from the troops and as the District Officer was being attacked, Lieutenant Hill gave the order for his men to fire.

As a result, nineteen women were killed and a man was also fatally shot. Ten women also died from wounds. There were other casualties when eight women were pushed into the river when the mob made a rush, all eight being drowned.

Dr. Shields added that the officers on the spot were satisfied that the opening of fire by the troops was the only possible course to save life and property.

Markpepple Jaja, the Chief, who was captured by the mob and subsequently released by troops, had stated that the plan had been drawn up on the assumption that women would not be fired on. The women were to rush the officials and the men were then to loot the factories.

The only other casualties were at Abako where the police were compelled to fire on a frenzied mob, six women being killed.

European ladies were assaulted in the riots at Aba on the Imo River, but the general situation was now well in hand.—*Reuter.*

### THE LONDON NAVAL CONFERENCE.

#### FRENCH CABINET SELECTS DELEGATES.

Paris, Dec. 23.  
A Cabinet meeting to-day nominated the following delegates to the London Naval Conference:—M. Tardieu, M. Briand, M. Leygues and M. Poincaré (members of the Cabinet), and M. de Fleuriau (Ambassador to Britain).

The following assistant delegates have been appointed:—M. Maasgill, head of the French services to the League of Nations; M. Moysset, Professor at the School of Naval Warfare.

The Cabinet has also decided that the delegation may have the assistance of any special advisers whom the Chamber of the Senate might select.—*Reuter.*

### THE ANGLO-SOVIET RESUMPTION.

#### REVIVING COMMERCIAL POSTS.

London, Dec. 23.  
The Department of Overseas Trade announces that on the resumption of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, it has been decided to re-establish the commercial diplomatic posts which terminated on the suspension of relations in 1927.

Commercial Secretaries of the First and Third Grade will be Mr. G. P. Paton, Consul at Tamsui, in Formosa, whilst the latter will be Mr. S. Simmonds, Vice-Consul at Constantza, in Rumania.

It is anticipated that they will take up their duties in January or February.—*Reuter.*

### AN "OFF YEAR" IN CHICAGO.

#### ONLY 94 MURDERS ARE UNSOLVED.

Chicago, Dec. 23.  
According to the *Herald-Examiner*, there were only 94 unsolved murders in Chicago in 1929; this being "an off year for gang slaying."—*Reuter's American Service.*

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### INDIA'S MINIMUM DEMANDS.

#### THE INDIAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

#### IMPORTANT REPORT AT LAST ISSUED IN LONDON.

#### STRIKING PROPOSALS.

The keenly-awaited report of the Indian Central Committee, which is to be considered with the Simon Commission's report in dealing with the immediate future of India's political status, was issued to-day.

Somewhat startling recommendations are made, including a request for Indian Provincial Armies. It is also suggested that the Secretary of State for India should have two Indian Under-Secretaries, one of them to have a seat in the House of Commons.

#### Co-Operation.

London, Dec. 23.  
The Indian Central Committee, which sat under the chairmanship of Sir Chettur Sankaran Nair, who is a Member of the Council of the State of the Government of India, has issued its Report.

The Committee was formed last year from the Indian Legislature expressly for the purpose of working in co-operation with the Simon Commission, and their Report will be considered in conjunction with the Report of the Simon Commission, which it is anticipated, will be issued early in the New Year.

#### Minimum Demands.

The Report lays down as "India's minimum demands":

(1) an explicit declaration that full Dominion Status in India is the goal at which the British Government aims (a point which may be regarded as covered by the recent Proclamation of the Viceroy).

(2) an immediate and substantial step towards the granting of Dominion Status by the conferring upon the Provinces a liberal measure of autonomy and making the Government of India responsible to the Legislature.

(3) the amendment of the Government of India Act in such a way as to enable Dominion Status to be achieved with further enquiries by Statutory Commissions, etc.

#### Saner Opinion.

The Indian Central Committee is of the opinion, the Report goes on, that this may be the last opportunity of the British Government to acquire the support of all the saner and more responsible elements of India opinion, and hopes that, in combination with the ideas of the Statutory Commission, the Indian Central Committee may have found a solution to the grave and intricate problems involved.

The Committee goes very full into detail regarding its recommendations for Provincial autonomy and the allocation of the respective functions of Governor and Governor-General.

#### The Electorate.

The recommendations require the present electorate to be doubled immediately, the whole of the adult population to be compulsorily enfranchised by 1931.

They also recommend the abolition of communal electorates except in the cases of Europeans, Anglo-Indians and the Depressed Classes.

The Committee goes on to refer to the widespread belief that the British Army in India will be maintained as a weapon for keeping India in subjection.

They, therefore, recommend "as an experiment" that the Provincial Governments be granted the right to raise a local army to maintain internal security.

#### Legislature's Powers.

Regarding the Central Government, the Committee proposes that all subjects, except the defence of India and foreign relations, should be transferred to the control of Ministers responsible to the Legislature.

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### HEALTH POSTERS VETOED.

#### CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT AT SANITARY BOARD.

##### PLAIN SPEAKING.

The action of the Government in vetoing the publication of two coloured health-propaganda posters which had been approved by the Sanitary Board, was unfavourably commented upon by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and Mr. M. K. Lo, at yesterday's meeting of the Board.

The Board approved a proposal for the election of Mr. M. K. Lo to be a member of the Committee for the Colonial Cemetery.

Speaking with regard to a minute dealing with the publication of coloured health propaganda posters, the President recalled that in September of this year the Board considered certain coloured posters. They were referred to Government and he was instructed to inform the Board that the Government did not consider the publication of the posters as a whole desirable, and that the officers of the Education Department were not in favour of the posters being used in schools. The general objection was that while the posters themselves taught a lesson, they would not convey the whole of the lesson desired. They would require a considerable amount of explanation by word of mouth before they could convey their message.

At present it was not proposed to publish them and the matter would therefore remain in abeyance and would be reconsidered by a Committee appointed by the Board a little later, which would go into the whole question of health propaganda.

Mr. Braga criticised the veto on what he called a point of principle. He stated that there were two types of poster, prepared after much time and thought. As a matter of principle, he said, he would like to know to what extent the recommendations of the Board were going to be vetoed or rejected in future, because it seemed that motions supported and entirely approved by the whole Board, were sent to Departments which, in his mind, assumed the right of vetoing proposals of the Board, which, after all, reduced the work of the Board to something of a farce.

He took it that members of the Board were more or less busy men who took their duties and responsibilities on the matters which came before them very seriously. He spoke not merely for himself, but, he believed, he could fairly speak for all the Unofficial Members of the Board. They did not regard their duties as merely perfunctory but they gave a lot of time and attention. If their decisions were to be turned down on any and every question of importance, they might just as well be told whether they were wanted or not and then they would not waste their time any more. "It is a matter of principle, Sir. The sooner we are told, I think it will be the better for all concerned."

##### No Harm in Posters.

Mr. M. K. Lo said that he welcomed the opportunity to express an opinion as he had been hoping that the President would have put forward some expression of opinion. The thoughts expressed by Mr. Braga had also gone through his (Mr. Lo's) mind. He would ask whether it was really of any use the sub-committee mentioned reconsidering the posters at all? In recalling the history of the matter, Mr. Lo said it was adjourned time after time, for the deliberate consideration of the members of the Board.

Mr. Lo went on to say that the posters were passed and advocated

and supported by the then Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Fawcett, who was very keen and enthusiastic about it. Speaking for himself, Mr. Lo stated he saw no harm in the posters being posted or distributed and he deliberately gave his consent. He appreciated that there might be differences of views as to the value of the posters, and at the time he did not seriously consider the constitutional point as to whether they had the right to consider them. The Board were asked to consider them and they did consider them. There was no hint of any kind that their decision was subject to a higher veto. The money proposed to be expended was \$200 or \$300, being an amount they had in hand.

Having thus arrived at a deliberate decision on the matter, all that the Board was treated to was an intimation, effected through the President, that the posters had not been sanctioned. Although he was not a member of the sub-committee who were to review the whole matter, he did appreciate Mr. Braga's taking for some information as to their powers, because if their recommendations were vetoed in the way the present matter had been, then even as a member of the sub-committee he would not be prepared to give the time because he felt it would be futile. The decision having been passed by the full Board, the history of the matter had done no good to the authority and prestige of the Board. As a new member he felt he had to say that he regretted it very much and he thought it deserved, perhaps, a fuller statement than had been given in regard to the action of the Government in the matter.

##### President's Reply.

In replying, Mr. Carrie said he thought that the speakers were considering the matter a little more seriously than was warranted. Obviously, if they wished to publish various posters, the Government must have its final say as to what was to be displayed in the Colony. If they were going to put up posters on Government buildings, and perhaps lamp-posts, then obviously the Government must keep to itself the right to veto anything of that nature and, he thought, that was all there was in the matter. He did not think there was any slur on the Board whatever, in not recommending the two posters. He had never looked at it in that light and he felt sure that when the sub-committee brought up a fully worked-out scheme of which the Board approved, the Government would give it the most sympathetic consideration. He did not think he could say any more.

Mr. Lo:—Can we test it this way. Suppose we don't put them on public buildings or lamp-posts, but merely print and distribute them does the veto apply?

Mr. Carrie:—That question was not put before the Government.

##### Market Stalls.

Dealing with a Memorandum (by the President) on Shek Tong Tsui Market Stalls, Mr. Carrie said the matter arose through two anonymous letters, one of which he received himself and the other was sent to His Excellency, the Governor, making complaints about the manner in which the market was run. He had drawn up a Memorandum showing certain proposed re-arrangements of the stalls and he proposed that it should come into force three months hence. Mr. Lo had made a note on the minute paper to the effect that he would like to hear the other side, if possible. Mr. Carrie continued that the people concerned would have three months in which to bring forward any objections, and any objections so brought would be considered.

Mr. Lo:—But will they be notified?

Mr. Carrie:—Yes, they will be given three months' notice.

Mr. Braga said that the question of market rates was an old one and he had brought it up at the Board two years ago. It did not seem to him to be a right principle to allow market renters to enjoy practically what one might term an

"hereditary monopoly." In the case of Shek Tong Tsui, the stallholders had practically held the licences for the stalls since 1911, if his memory served him rightly.

Mr. Braga continued that what was particularly noticeable in the President's minute was the fact that upon the President's inspection, with the C.V.S., for which he thought members of the Board should be grateful, he discovered a small opium business in the market.

Mr. Carrie remarked that that was an error and the opium found was not in the market. It was, in fact, in the coolie quarters.

##### Visits Desirable.

Mr. Braga went on to say that nevertheless it was within the market building and that was the point he wished to make. To his mind that matter was most unsatisfactory and went to prove that there was some laxity in the matter of market inspection. He thought if they, as members of the Board, were worth anything at all, they should take upon themselves the duty of periodically making surprise inspections of markets from time to time. Mr. Braga said he thought the matter should devolve upon a sub-committee of the Board consisting of Official Members, and Unofficial Members who would, among their duties assigned to them, include one of periodically making visits to the markets without notice.

There were markets on the Hongkong side of the harbour as well as in Kowloon. If the practice he suggested was carried into effect they would certainly not have it as a disagreeable surprise that within a market building an opium business was being carried on.

With regard to the question of renting stalls, he quite agreed with the President's suggestions. The "hereditary" system among the stallholders enabled them to exercise some power in keeping up the price of meat which, to the speaker's mind, added to the cost of living.

Replying, Mr. Carrie said, the opium business was not discovered by himself or the C.V.S., but by the Inspector and he, Mr. Carrie, did not think there was really any reason why it should have been discovered before. The market was in a curious position and could only be approached from one direction and anybody approaching could be seen while still a long way away. He knew that the Inspector visited the market regularly but there was ample time for the opium to be put out of sight before he actually arrived at the market. Further, the opium was discovered in the coolie quarters and not in the market building. They were quite separate. The coolie was assisted by his wife and he abused the excellent job he had to run the opium business.

Mr. Carrie added he did not think the Inspector was to be blamed for not finding it earlier and it was only discovered by the Inspector when he rushed up in a car that morning.

##### System Defended.

With regard to the "hereditary" system, the President said he disagreed very strongly with Mr. Braga. A man paid for a stall, or for two or three stalls. So long as he remained and did active business in all his stalls, the President said he did not think there was any ground for putting such a man out. They would do so in the event of competition being eliminated as they would have very strong grounds in such a case.

Reverting to his proposition, Mr. Carrie said it required the cancellation of three stalls where no business was being done at present, and changing the position of three vegetable stalls to another position. Three of the stalls would be put up for auction.

The memorandum was approved. In addition to Mr. W. J. Carrie (President) there were present the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, Major Cheyne, M.C., Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. Wong Kwong-ün and Mr. J. Watson (Secretary).

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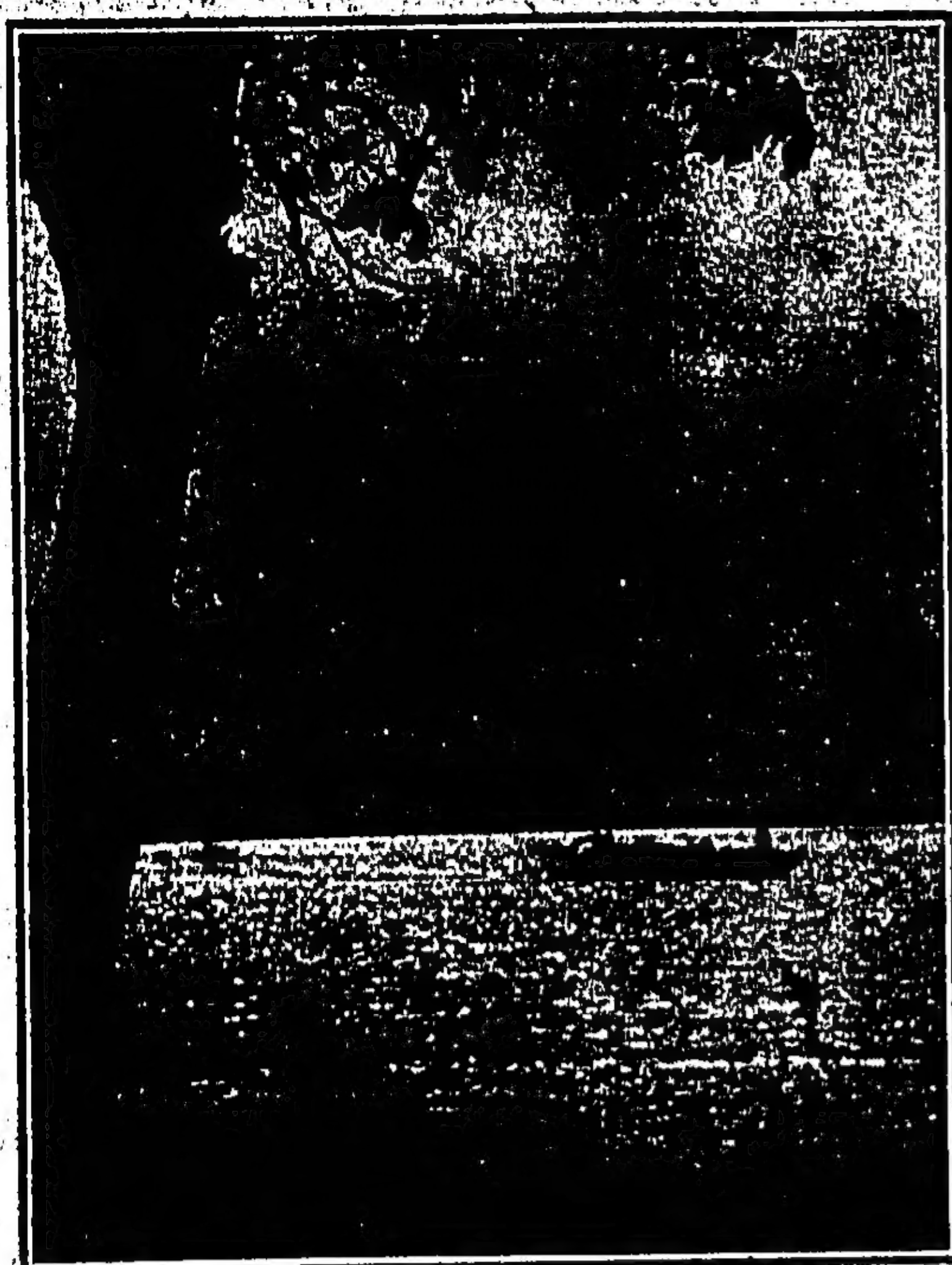
### Reflect Again, Sam



### By Small







A striking study of a sunset at Soochow, aptly named the Venice of the East.



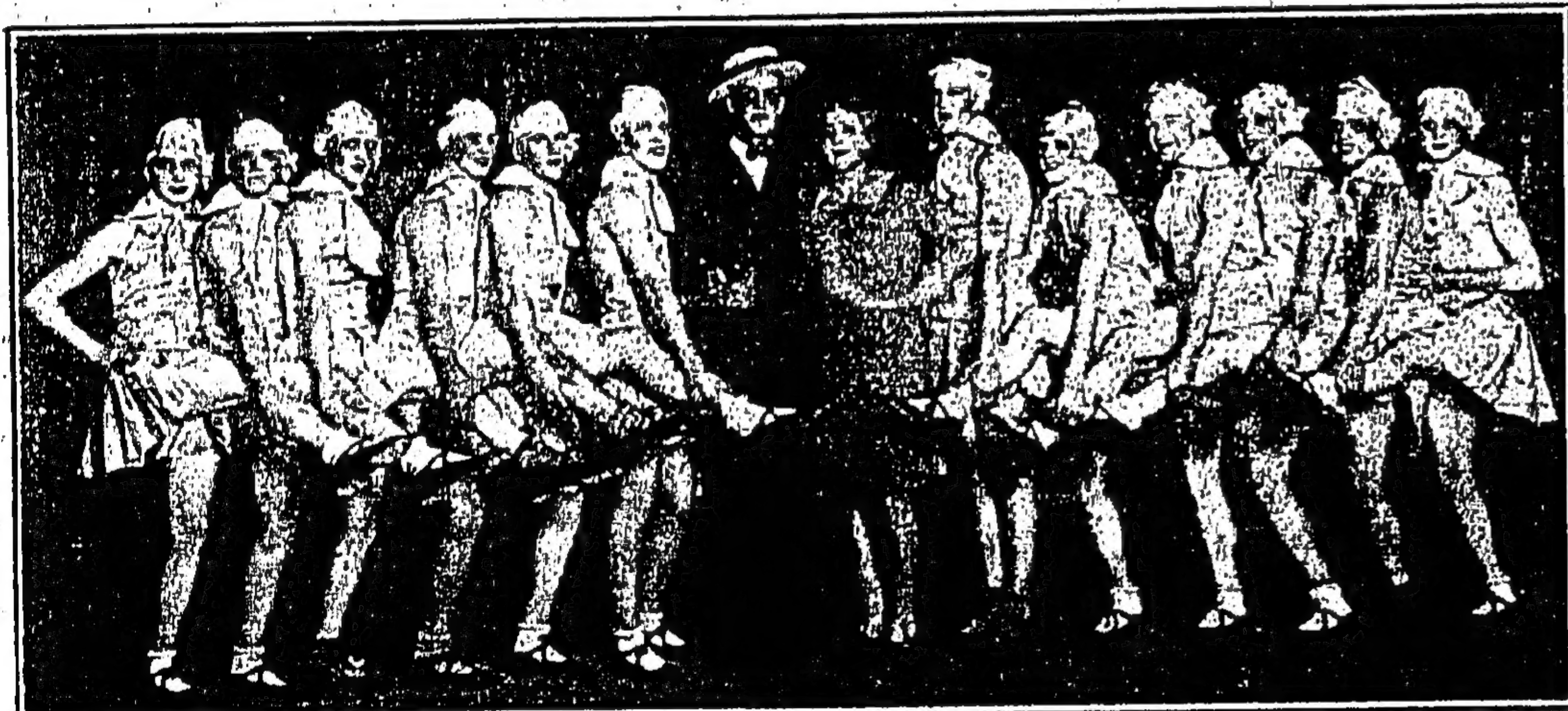
Above is the winner of a "baby lion show" held at Los Angeles. Spitfire is three months old and weighs three pounds. Nine cubs were exhibited.



A spectacular blaze at an apartment building in the course of construction in New York. One workman, trapped by the flames, was burned to death. This was the most recent of many mysterious apartment-house fires recently.



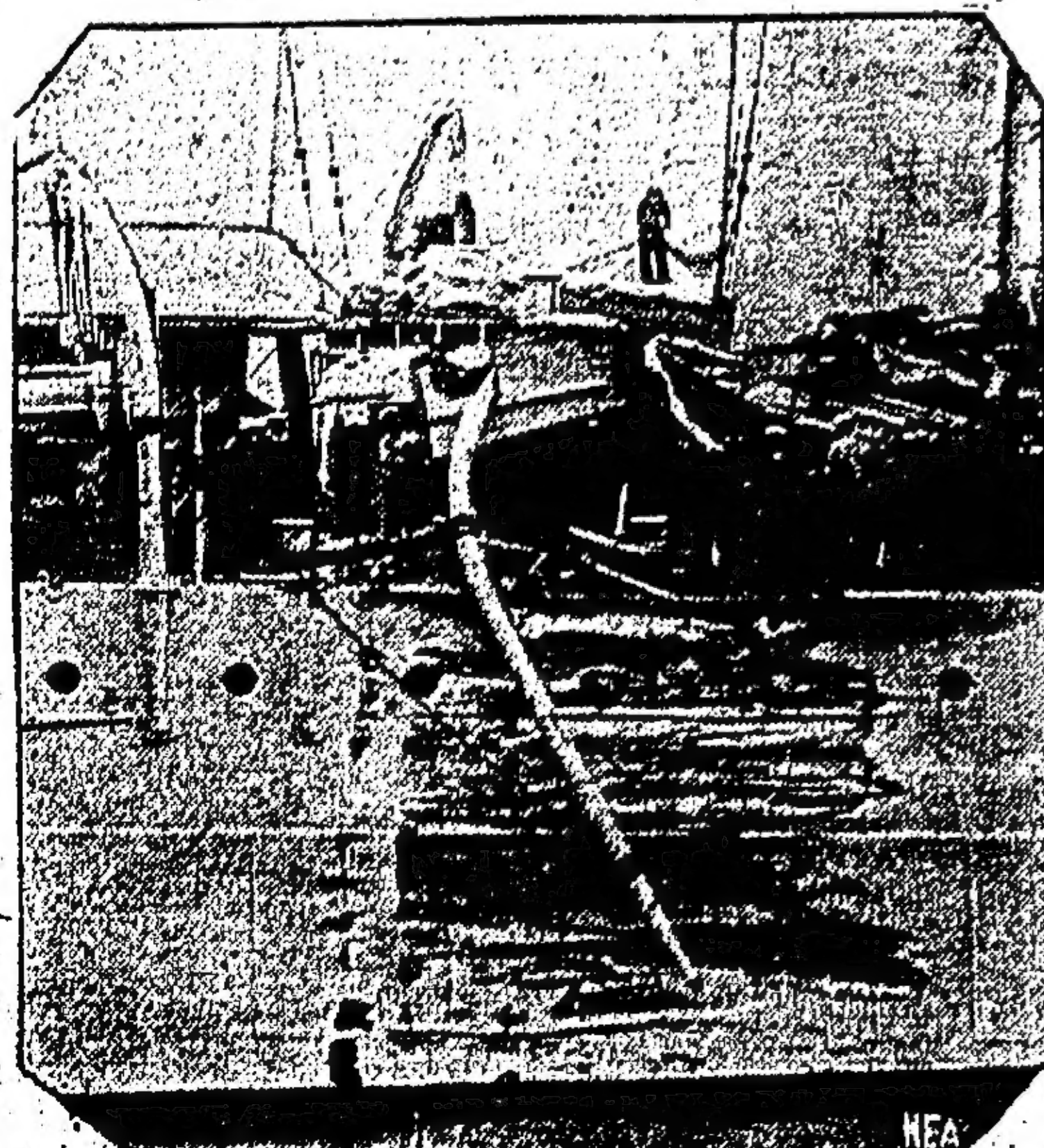
Group taken during the "annual frolic" of the American School, Shanghai. An interesting day was had by visitors as they were "forced" to divide into four teams for an athletic meeting for the benefit of the School.



Twelve reasons why the "Frolics of 1930," given by the U. S. Marine Corps in Shanghai recently proved such a success. Mr. A. S. Maxwell, the gentleman in the straw hat, was responsible for a major portion of the evening's merriment, but the "ladies" of the ensemble drew warm applause also.



Pte. Dubrey and Sgt. Davis of "B" Company, S.V.C., winners of the Lewis Gun Competition of the S.V.C. This team registered a "possible" of 80 hits.



In "a pea soup fog," according to the commander of the U. S. S. Marblehead, the cruiser collided with the 3900-ton freighter Evansville off Nantucket lightship, Mass., and above is shown the damage done to the navy vessel, pictured after it had docked at Boston.



Mr. J. D. Bush, Vice-President of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. in Hongkong and Secretary of the Anti-Mul-Tee Society.



The wreckage of a 5000-gallon oil tank in the Illinois Central yards at Memphis, after the tank had exploded, hurling flames 160 feet in the air and scattering burning debris for blocks around. Two hundred workers miraculously escaped injury.

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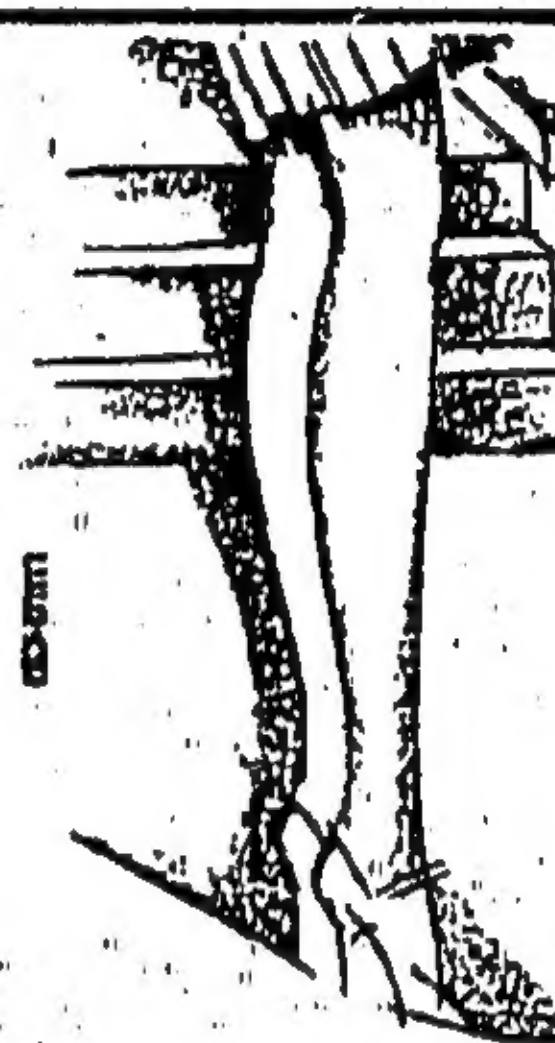
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the Ball as soon as possible to Mr.  
S. T. Butlin, Hon. Secretary, c/o  
Linstead and Davis.

### SANDAKAN LIGHT & POWER CO. (1922), LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the Seventh Ordinary Yearly  
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held at the Head Office of the  
Company, St. George's Building,  
Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong,  
on TUESDAY, 31st December,  
1929, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., for the  
purpose of receiving a Statement  
of Accounts and the Report of the  
General Managers for the year  
ended 30th June, 1929, and elect-  
ing a Consulting Committee and  
Auditors.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN that an Extraordinary  
General Meeting of Shareholders  
will be held immediately after  
such Ordinary Yearly Meeting and  
at the same place, when the sub-  
joined Resolution will be propos-  
ed as an Extraordinary Resolu-  
tion, viz:—

"That the regulations contain-  
ed in the printed document sub-  
mitted to the Meeting and for  
the purpose of identification  
subscribed by the Chairman  
thereof, be approved and adopt-  
ed as the Articles of Association  
of the Company in sub-  
stitution for, and to the exclu-  
sion of all existing Articles  
thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY  
ALSO GIVEN that a Further Ex-  
traordinary General Meeting of  
Shareholders will be held at the  
same place on WEDNESDAY, 15th  
January, 1930, at 12.30 o'clock  
p.m., for the purpose of receiving  
a report of the proceedings of the  
above mentioned Extraordinary  
General Meeting and of confirm-  
ing, if thought fit, as a Special  
Resolution the above mentioned  
Resolution.

A copy of the proposed New Ar-  
ticles of Association of the Com-  
pany can be seen during usual  
business hours at the Registered  
Office of the Company aforesaid.

### SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

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Hongkong 23rd Dec., 1929.

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## CHURCH NOTICES.

St. John's Cathedral.—Christmas-  
tide Services. Christmas Eve,  
December 24th, at 5.30 p.m.  
Choral Evensong. Christmas  
Day, 7.00 a.m. Holy Com-  
munion. 8.00 a.m. Choral Eu-  
charist. 8.00 a.m. Holy Com-  
munion. Peak Church. 10.00 a.m.  
Children's Service. 11.00 a.m.  
Mattins and Sermon. Preacher:  
The Lord Bishop. 12.15 p.m.  
Holy Communion. St. Stephen's  
Day. December 26th 10.15 a.m.  
Holy Communion. St. John-the-  
Evangelist's Day. December  
27th. PATRONAL FESTIVAL.  
7.45 and 10.15 a.m. Holy Com-  
munion. 5.30 p.m. Choral  
Evensong. 9.15 p.m. Social  
Gathering in Cathedral Hall.  
Holy Innocents' Day. December  
28th 7.45 a.m. Holy Communion.  
Union Church, Kennedy Road,  
Christmas Day, 25th December,  
1929. Christmas Service, 11 a.m.  
Preacher: Rev. F. C. Young.  
Hymns, 175, 174, 178, 172, 720,  
168.

St. Peter's, West Point. Christmas  
Eve, midnight. Eucharist  
(Choral) with Carols, 11.30 p.m.  
Preacher: Rev. F. Freeman,  
M.A., R.N., Chaplain H.M.S.  
Hermes. Christmas Day. Holy  
Communion, 8.00 a.m. Children's  
Service, 10.00 a.m. Choral Eu-  
charist and Sermon, 11.00. 1st  
Sunday after Christmas, Decem-  
ber 29th. Special Carol Service,  
11.00 a.m. New Year's Eve.  
Watchnight Service, 11.30 p.m.

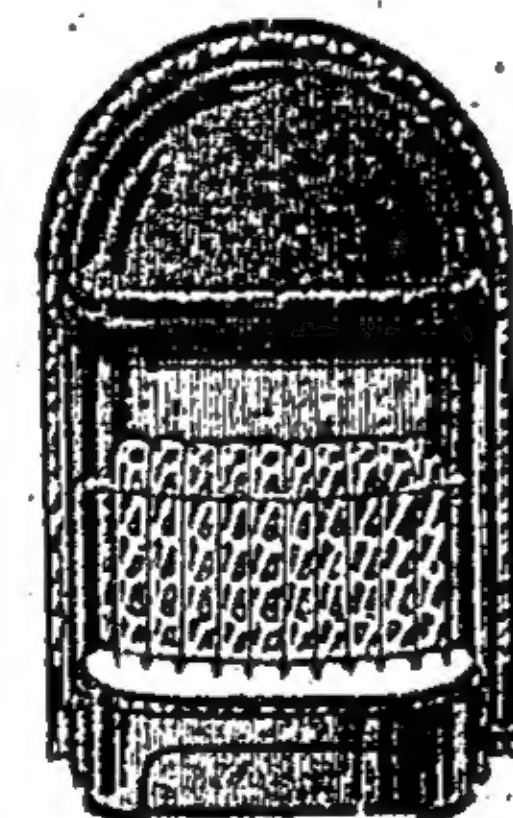
## G. H. R. NOTICE.

PARTICULARS AND CONDI-  
TIONS of the Sale by Public Auc-  
tion to be held on MONDAY, the  
30th day of December, 1929, at  
3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public  
Works Department, by Order of  
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one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung  
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Kong, for a term of 75 years,  
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### BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance  
No. 5 of 1912, the Exchange Banks  
will be CLOSED for the Transac-  
tion of Public Business on WED-  
NESDAY and THURSDAY, 25th  
and 26th of December (Christmas  
Holidays).

### ARMED ROBBERY.

### WOMEN RELIEVED OF JEWELLERY.

Brandishing revolvers and dag-  
gers, three men made an entry to  
the top floor of No. 65, Bonham  
Strand West, in the small hours  
of yesterday morning, holding up  
two young Chinese women, the  
sole occupants in the premises,  
who were members of the family  
of the manager of Messrs. Hau  
Tak Hong, Bonham Strand West.  
The three robbers probably entered through  
the trapdoor in the roof. They  
remained twenty minutes, taking  
away all the valuables which they  
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### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

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G.P.O. and Branch Post Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.  
There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of  
ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays, and one delivery of re-  
gistered correspondence each day at 9 a.m.  
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

### RADIO NOTICES.

The Radio Office, where full information concerning all wireless set  
cases may be obtained at all times, is situated on the ground floor of the  
P and O Building in Des Voeux Road, next to the General Post Office.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegra-  
phic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

From 15th December to 8th January inclusive radiotelegrams con-  
veying Christmas and New Year Greetings will be accepted for trans-  
mission to Canada and the United States of America. For rates and  
other particulars apply to the Radio Telegraph Office.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are for-  
warded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The parcel post service to the Province of Kwangai is resumed and  
letter mails are again being forwarded by direct steamers.

### INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan	Tango Maru	December 24.
Shanghai and Swatow	Van Horst	December 24.
Japan	Szechuen	December 25.
Europe via Negapatam, (Letters only, London 28th Nov.)	Tilawa	December 25.
Japan and Shanghai	Takada	December 27.
Canada (Victoria B.C. 7th Dec.)	Mirzapore	December 27.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Suwa Maru	December 27.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 20th Nov.)	Empress of Canada	December 28.
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Garfield	December 28.
Manila	Pres. Madison	December 29.
Japan and Shanghai	Mishima Maru	December 30.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 6th Decem- ber), Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai	President Pierce	December 30.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 6th Decem- ber) Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai	Tonyo Maru	December 31.
Japan and Shanghai	Rajputana	January 3.

### OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the  
time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised  
to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.  
on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Patroclus	Tues., Dec. 24. K. P. O. Registration ..... 4.30 p.m. Letters ..... 4.30 p.m. G. P. O. Registration ..... 5 p.m. Letters ..... 5 p.m. (Due Marseilles 22nd January.)
Saigon	Clara Jeben	Tues., Dec. 24, 4.30 p.m.
Saigon	Prominent	Tues., Dec. 24, 3.50 p.m.
Swatow, Foochow and Wei Hai Wei	Cheongshing	Tues., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
Holhow and Halphong	New Mathilde	Tues., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Tai Pao Sek	Tues., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tango Maru	Tues., Dec. 24. Registration ..... 5 p.m. Letters ..... 5 p.m. (Due Thursday Island 6th Jan.)
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Wed., Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
Amoy	Yingchow	Wed., Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
Holhow, Pnhoh and Halphong	Mensado Maru	Thurs., Dec. 26, 8.30 a.m.
Holhow and Bangkok	Kalgan	Thurs., Dec. 26, 9 a.m.
Rabaul	Bromerhaven	Thurs., Dec. 26, 9 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Tilawa	Fri., Dec. 27. Parcels ..... noon. Letters ..... 1 p.m.
Shanghai	Mirzapore	Fri., Dec. 27. Registration ..... 5 p.m. Letters ..... 5 p.m.

\*Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,  
East and South Africa, Aden,  
Egypt & Europe via Marseilles

Suwa Maru ..... Sat., Dec. 28.  
K.P.O.  
Registration Dec. 27, 4.30 p.m.  
Letters ..... Dec. 28, 9 a.m.  
G.P.O.  
Registration ..... 8.45 a.m.  
Letters ..... 9.30 a.m.  
(Due Marseilles 26th Jan.)

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,  
East and South Africa, Egypt and  
Europe via Marseilles

Khyber ..... Sat., Dec. 28.  
K.P.O.  
Parcels ..... Dec. 27, 4.30 p.m.  
Registration ..... Dec. 28, 9 a.m.  
Letters ..... 10 a.m.  
G.P.O.

Parcels ..... Dec. 27, 5 p.m.  
Registration Dec. 28, 9.45 a.m.  
Letters ..... 10.30 a.m.  
(Due Marseilles 28th Jan.)

Sandakan ..... Mausang ..... Sat., Dec. 28, 1.30 p.m.  
Straits and Calcutta ..... Kutsang ..... Sat., Dec. 28.  
Parcels ..... noon.  
Letters ..... 1 p.m.

Manila ..... Empress of Canada  
Sat., Dec. 28, 8.30 p.m.

Amoy ..... Anhui ..... Sat., Dec. 28, 5 p.m.  
Amoy ..... Luchow ..... Sun., Dec. 29, 8.30 a.m.  
Bangkok via Swatow ..... Kalgan ..... Sun., Dec. 29, 9 a.m.  
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ..... Hoon Maru ..... Sun., Dec. 29, 9 a.m.

Straits and Calcutta ..... Kutsang ..... Mon., Dec. 30.  
Parcels ..... noon.  
Letters ..... 1 p.m.

Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada,  
Central and South America and  
Europe via San Francisco

Pres. Madison ..... Mon., Dec. 30.  
Parcels ..... 3 p.m.  
Registration ..... 4.15 p.m.  
Letters ..... 5 p.m.  
(Due San Francisco 22nd Jan.)

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia

Pres. Madison ..... Mon., Dec. 30.  
Registration ..... 5 p.m.  
Letters ..... 6 p.m.

Wei Hai Wei ..... Huichow ..... Tues., Dec. 31, 8.30 a.m.

Japan, Canada and Europe via  
Siberia

Talithybius ..... Tues., Dec. 31.  
Registration ..... 9.45 a.m.  
Letters ..... 10.30 a.m.  
(Due Victoria B. C. 28th Jan.)

Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,  
East and South Africa, Aden,  
Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

D'Aragnan ..... Tues., Dec. 31.  
K.P.O.  
Registration ..... 1 p.m.  
Letters ..... 1 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Registration ..... 1.45 p.m.  
Letters ..... 2.30 p.m.  
(Due Marseilles 31st Jan. 1930.)

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow

Swatow ..... Hai Ning ..... Tues., Dec. 31, 2 p.m.  
Amoy and Japan ..... Yst Shing ..... Tues., Dec. 31, 5 p.m.  
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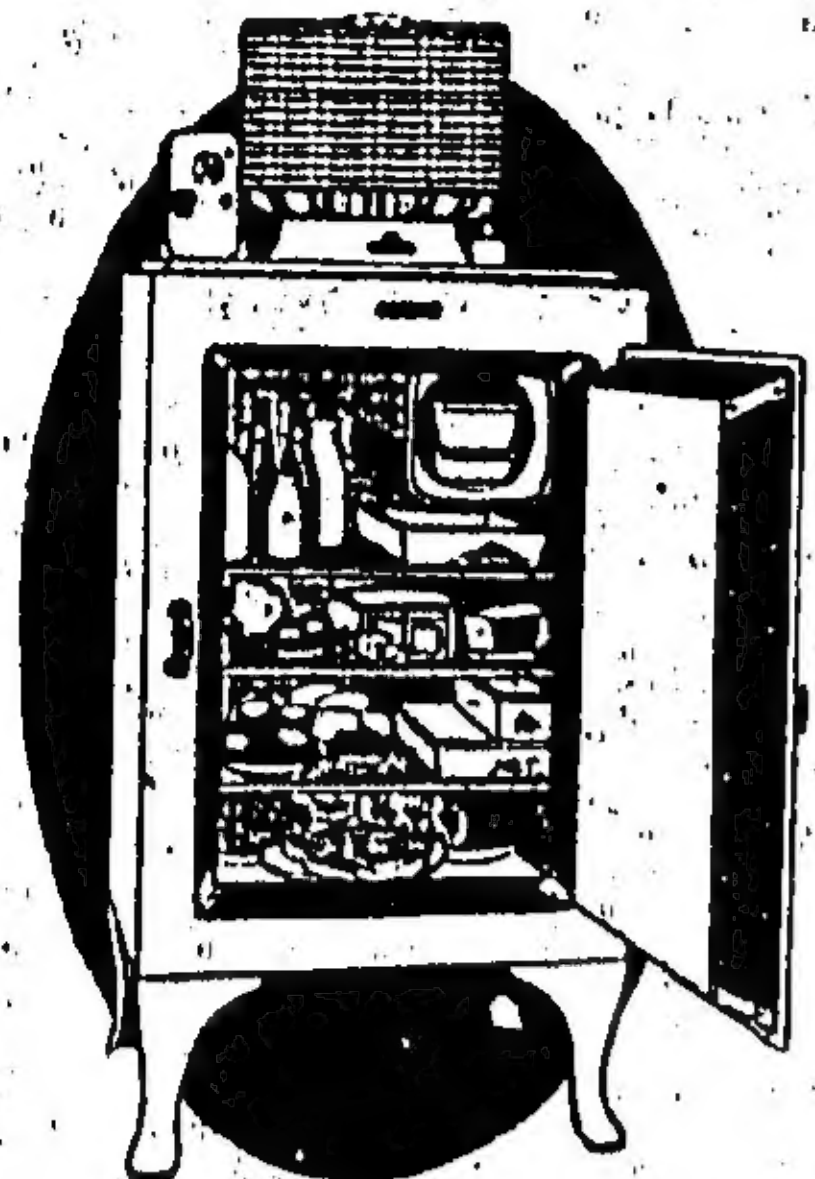
Rajputana ..... Sat., Jan. 4.  
K.P.O.  
Parcels ..... Jan. 3, 4.30 p.m.  
Registration ..... Jan. 4, 9 a.m.  
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Over 250 lives were lost when the s.s. Lee Cheung, a locally-owned Chinese boat, went down during a north-easterly gale on Saturday night off Fukien Point.

A vessel of 162 tons net, she has become a total wreck, and it would appear also that of the whole number of persons on board, only two have survived. As reported yesterday there had been much anxiety when the Lee Cheung did not reach Hongkong during the week-end.

The vessel left Sammel, in the ordinary course of events, on her return to Hongkong. On the trip back, she called at a number of intermediate points, and her movements up to the time she left Shamunkwan, were duly recorded. The s.s. Cheung On reported passing the ill-fated vessel on the way up from Ping Hoi, while at the latter port the agents stated that she effected a clearance at 2 p.m. and proceeded on her way to Shamunkwan.

Dusk had fallen when the Lee Cheung arrived at Shamunkwan at 6 o'clock the same evening. To reach the spot when disaster befell her, off Fukien Point, the steamer would have to steam more than two hours in the open sea. Conditions approximating a gale set in, and with the north-east monsoon blowing hard, the vessel found herself in difficulties.

It is stated by the owners that the ship was top-heavy, but whatever might be the reason, it is evident from the accounts brought back by the survivors, that she was in no condition to meet the gale of the force that was then raging. High seas broke over her decks, the pumps were unable to cope with the inflow, and within a remarkably short space of time, we are told, the ship became completely waterlogged. She listed over to port with the direction of the wind, and turned turtle. In less than 25 minutes, the ship disappeared from sight, leaving no trace to indicate the spot where she sank.

**Heavy Loss of Life.**

As to what happened to the two hundred or so passengers and crew who were on board, it could be believed that they had very little time or opportunity, under the circumstances, to save themselves. The accounts brought back by the two solitary survivors, touched on the distressing scenes which ensued when the inevitable had to be faced. There was a laudable effort on the part of Captain and crew to launch the boats. A few rafts did eventually float out, but it was a case of every man for himself, and those who were not trapped when the ship turned over, did not fare much better in the open sea. They speak of over 25 people being seen at one time struggling in the water.

Captain Leung So and a seaman, succeeded in getting on one of the rafts, so also did another seaman, and they are all who are known to have escaped from the wreck. The first-named however, succumbed to cold and exposure, leaving his companion to be picked the following morning, at 7 o'clock by a passing fishing junk. The other seaman was also rescued by a junk. Both had drifted many miles before succour arrived.

Upon their return to the Colony yesterday morning, the two seamen reported the disaster at the offices of the owners, the Pook Hoi, of No. 67, Connaught Road Central. The Wing Lee, a fair-sized launch, was immediately chartered to go out to look for the wreckage. It returned later in the day, reporting that those aboard had not discovered any signs of the ill-fated vessel. It had completely gone under, leaving not so much as a plank floating, to quote the words of the manager of the Company.

Particulars supplied to our representative as to the effect that the Lee Cheung was formerly the Cheun Chow, and had been in the possession of the Pook Hoi some ten years, not very long after her launching from a local Chinese shipyard. It was only recently that she had been overhauled and reconditioned, at an expenditure, so the Company states, of \$20,000. She was then valued at \$50,000, and the important fact for the Company is that she was not covered by insurance.

The ship's complement, stated to be 36, included four anti-piracy Indian guards and members of the comprador department. It is not known how many passengers were on board, but taking the average number carried by the ship, on these trips, there must be about a hundred taken aboard from the various points of embarkation. As

stated, all perished, with the exception of two of the crew.

The cargo, so far as is known, consisted of a quantity of live-stock, made up of 23 head of cattle, about 200 pigs, over a hundred crates of eggs, and a small quantity of fish. In addition, it is known that the vessel carried over \$10,000 in silver. Presumably, none of these items is covered by insurance.

**Survivor's Story.**

Dressed in borrowed clothing, the two survivors Chung Yau and Leung Kwan were surrounded by a large crowd of people in the offices of the Pook Hoi Co. the whole of yesterday afternoon, answering the many questions put to them by anxious relatives of the crew.

"My husband's name is Lum. He is one of the sailors on the Lee Cheung. Do you know what has happened to him?" asked one woman, who, by the way she allowed her hair to fall loosely over her back according to the Chinese custom in times of grief, did not seem very optimistic.

"The steamer sank so quickly that we had no time to do anything. It was everybody for himself. I did not see your husband. I am sorry," was the reply.

Chung Yau, interviewed, said, "The Lee Cheung left Sammel at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning. The sea was rough and a strong wind was blowing when we left but the conditions were nothing compared to those we encountered later. We arrived at Sammel at 5.45 p.m. the same day and after discharging our cargo we left again for Hongkong at 8 p.m. After we had been an hour under way, the sea became rougher and the steamer was badly buffeted about.

"Another hour of steaming in this weather found the vessel and the crew in a sorry state. The ship had taken a list to port by this time and all the passengers were ordered down below. There were nearly 200 passengers on board including many children, whose screams could be heard at times above the roar of the waves.

"The skipper was desperate and tried one thing after another without success. At first he ordered all the cargo to be thrown overboard. There were many heads of cattle and about 200 pigs on the ship, but we knew it was useless trying to throw the cattle overboard, and we did not try.

"He then manoeuvred the vessel's head against the wind by putting the helm hard aport, but it was too late then. A heavy gust of wind and a mountainous wave almost turned the vessel over and she sank before the crew could lower the lifeboats. Some people managed to obtain life-buoys but others were not so fortunate.

**A Lucky Man.**

"I was among the latter," continued Chung Yau with a grimace. "The next thing I knew was to find myself in the water. I was very lucky. A raft was floating near me and I immediately grabbed hold of it. Barely a dozen persons were in the water when I looked round, among them being Leung So, the skipper. He joined me and we both clung on to the raft. We drifted along throughout the night and at about 4 a.m. I could see that Leung So was in a very bad condition. My worst fears were realised a few minutes later when I saw him lose his hold and go under. Left alone, I was on the point of giving up hope when I saw a fishing junk sailing in my direction. The occupants were on the look-out for other survivors as they had already picked up Leung Kwan an hour before at the south of Waglan, and it was not long before they espied me, and took me on board and treated me very kindly, giving me food and clothes."

One of the crowd of people turned to the master of the fishing junk who was present listening to the tale and asked, "Would you have taken Leung So on board if you had found him even if he was dead?"

"Yes," he said.

"According to a Chinese saying that would bring you bad luck. Aren't you superstitious?" he was again asked.

"No, I am a Christian," he answered simply.

**Over 250 Missing.**

The skipper, was connected with the vessel for two years, was 55 years old and leaves a wife and daughter in Yummei. The chief officer was named, Shek Gan, 30 years old, and was connected with the Pook Hoi Shipping Company for over ten years. The chief engineer, named Fung Woo, was 40 years old. The whole crew consisted of 44 Chinese, and it is stated by the vernacular papers that there may have been fully 200 passengers on board.

A police report last night confirms that there were altogether 262 persons (passengers and crew) on the ship, of whom only two are known to have been saved. Police launches are still cruising in the vicinity.



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## THE BALANCE SHEET.

Mr. E. L. Agassiz, Official Receiver, was a witness yesterday in the case against Mr. N. I. Brewer, barrister-at-law, who is charged under the Perjury and Larceny Ordinances in the matter of the preparation and filing of a balance sheet of the Instone Banking Corporation.

After Lee Kon-shan, the first clerk at the Land Office, had given evidence as to the filing of the memorials of two mortgages, amounting to \$150,000 and \$20,000 respectively, on the Instone Banking Corporation building at Des Voeux Road, Mr. George Labrum, manager of Ye. Olde Printerie, was recalled. He said that the order for copies of the 1928 balance sheet was brought to him by Mrs. Brewer and not by a messenger as stated in evidence by a previous witness. Usually, an entry in the day book was made with the order, but he agreed, as possible, that assuming that they had received the order, the type was set up before the date of June 21, 1928.

Mr. E. L. Agassiz, Official Receiver and Liquidator of the Instone Banking Corporation, said that the winding up order was made on June 10 last. Since that date, he had been engaged, on and off, in investigating the affairs of the Bank. He called in the assistance of Mr. S. Hampden Ross, desiring the latter to assist him by reporting, in particular, on the balance sheet, and to show him from which books the various items of the balance sheet had been extracted and how they were made up.

Witness investigated those books which he thought material, in particular, the head office ledger, the shareholders ledger, the Company's cash book, head office loans and investments, and the Company's minute book.

## No Cash Received.

Looking through the various items of the balance sheet, witness found that \$1,133,000 of the issued and subscribed capital had never been allotted. In arriving at that conclusion he considered the applications which had been received, and it struck him that they were bad applications, as from the books it did not appear as if any cash had been received. It did not appear also from the books that anything had been received on the 5 per cent. deposit, as provided by the Company's Articles of Constitution.

He also found that a transfer had been made from the capital accounts to allotments suspense account, on or about November 27, 1927, of an amount of \$923,000 deducted from the \$1,133,000 of the issued and subscribed capital; and that the amounts which had been previously debited to shareholders in the shareholders ledger, had been recredited and again debited to allotments suspense account.

Speaking of the statement of affairs filed with him by Mr. Brewer on July 2 of this year, witness said that he found that Unpaid Calls, amounting to \$1,136,000, were not included in the summary of Capital uncalled and unpaid. The applications for shares being bad, he could not regard the amounts as being an asset of the Company.

Speaking of the collateral security loans, witness said the item was made up of receipt forms which had been produced. It also included an amount of \$54,700 actually given by a man named Chan Sze-chuen and which, might, be properly recorded at the time of the balance sheet. That amount had, as a matter of fact, been taken into consideration in a compromise which witness had arrived at with the shareholder concerned.

## Cash and Loans.

Witness had recovered nothing from the "loans" made on the receipts. So far he had issued a writ against one man and there was a possibility of getting something on it. In the period between June and July, 1928, the period of the balance sheet, the Bank had no more than \$50,000, according to the cash book, and out of this it purported to make loans to shareholders to the tune of \$761,000.

Speaking on collateral security loans, witness said they were loans "secured" on what purported to be allotted shares, but to be worth anything, they must be secured independently of shares. The value of the shares was entirely dependent on the assets of the Bank, and as the assets at that time amounted to practically nothing, by the same process of reasoning, the collateral security loans were worth nothing. Witness had not found any receipts which would go to show that any loans had been paid.

Speaking of mortgages, witness said he had not found any mortgages which would bear out this item, except for the one amounting to \$2,500, secured on New Territories property. This item,

## TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

DRIVERS FINED FOR HAVING  
DEFECTIVE BRAKES.

During the hearing of the traffic cases before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, the driver of a motor lorry was fined \$30 for failing to provide his vehicle with two independent and efficient brakes. The defendant was previously fined for a similar offence and had also been involved in an accident some months ago on account of defective brakes.

In another case, the driver of a lorry was fined \$20, it being stated that one of his brakes was fairly good. Sub-Inspector Mason informed his Worship that he had warned the defendant some weeks ago when he had intended to take out a summons but had forgotten.

The driver of a lorry, who was alleged to have driven out of Gascoigne Road and cut in front of two vehicles in Nathan Road, was fined \$15. It was stated that one of the cars in Nathan Road had to stop dead to avoid a collision.

On a charge of failing to report an accident, the driver of a lorry was fined \$10. The defendant was stated to have backed out of Waterloo Road and collided with a bus, smashing the driver's seat of the latter vehicle.

The defendant said that the accident was not a serious one and did not report it to the Police.

It was stated that the owner of the lorry had agreed to pay for the repairs to the bus.

A fine of \$3 was imposed on a bus driver, who was charged, with failing to give the necessary signal when about to stop. The defendant remarked that he had to pull up suddenly as the conductor had given him a late signal to stop. He explained that if he had not pulled up suddenly he would have overrun the stopping place.

His Worship pointed out that if he pulled up suddenly it was more reason why he should have given a signal.

In witness' opinion, was false. The balance of \$260,000 was merely a cross-entry effected by the transfer of the Bank premises from one property account to another.

## Balance Sheet Effect.

Speaking of "stocks, shares and other investments," witness said that \$405,000 of this included shares in the Instone Trading Company, a firm which, he found, was opened for the purpose of going into the import and export business. The only assets it possessed, however, were shares of the Instone Banking Corporation, and as these shares were worthless, the assets of the Trading Company were worthless. Reading that balance sheet, and witness, "one is given the impression of reading the balance sheet of a prosperous banking business, with large amounts of paid-up capital, customers' deposits in the neighbourhood of half-a-million, with liquid assets and loans on short terms and at call amounting to three-and-a-half lakhs."

Mr. Davidson asked if what Mr. Agassiz had said was not a matter of comment, and Mr. Fitzroy replied that one of the charges against the accused was in connection with the preparation of a balance sheet calculated to induce people to entrust money in the bank.

Continuing witness said that the "customers deposits" amounting to \$260,000 was in reality, made up of mortgage and long term loans, and were merely a cross-entry in the books.

Cross-examined by Mr. Davidson, the Official Receiver agreed that in law an allotment of shares amounted to a contract to take shares. He agreed that the system of double entry in book-keeping had to be followed, but said that what should have been done was to write down the value of the assets before transferring the balance to the balance sheet. The books, in other words, should have been put right before the balance sheet was made.

At the conclusion of the Official Receiver's evidence, Mr. Fitzroy read large portions of the report of the public examination of Mr. Brewer to the Magistracy, in which the defendant stated that the balance sheet as printed was never signed or approved by him. It was altered in his absence and the publication was also done in his absence, and it was then too late to make any alterations. He maintained that the balance sheet was not inaccurate in the commercial sense. He took the word of the auditors as he should do. There was not a word of a lie in the printed balance sheet. He was further reported to have stated in the examination that he did not agree that the balance sheet was misleading and inaccurate, as the auditor said it was customary.

Later in reply to what he considered the value of the shares to be, Mr. Brewer stated that in the ordinary sense \$3, but in a commercial sense \$300,000. The hearing was adjourned until this afternoon at 2.15 p.m.

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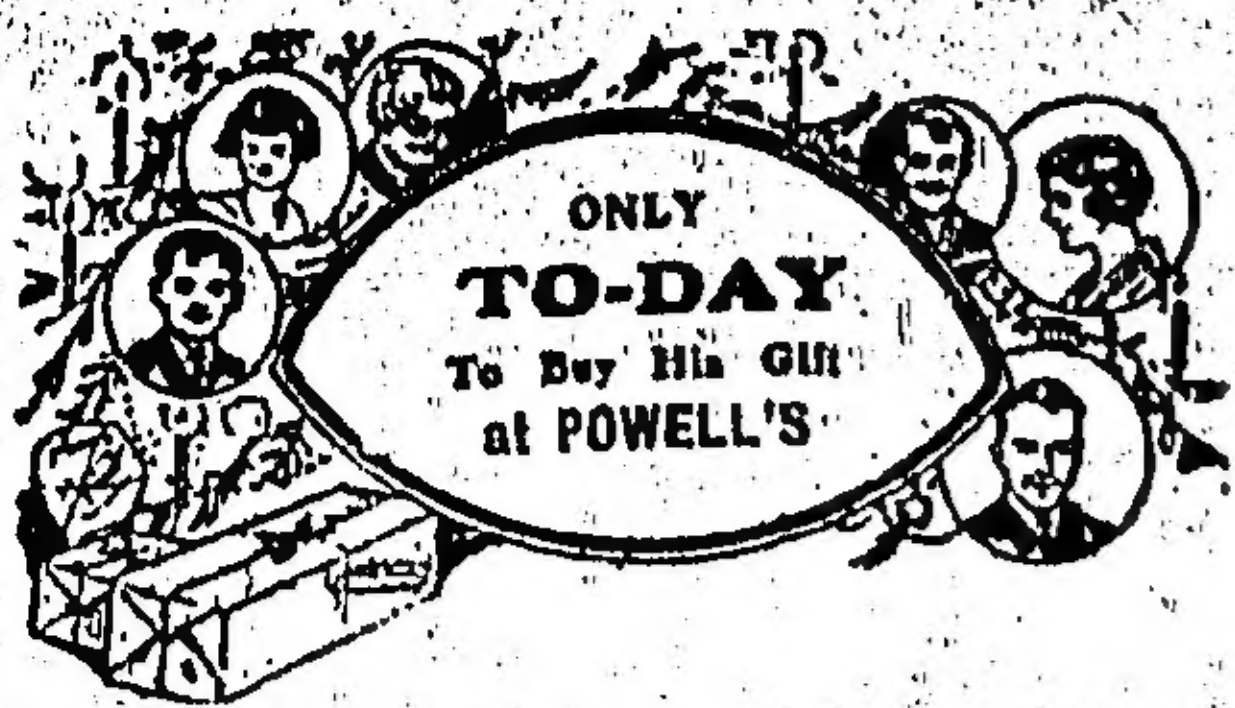
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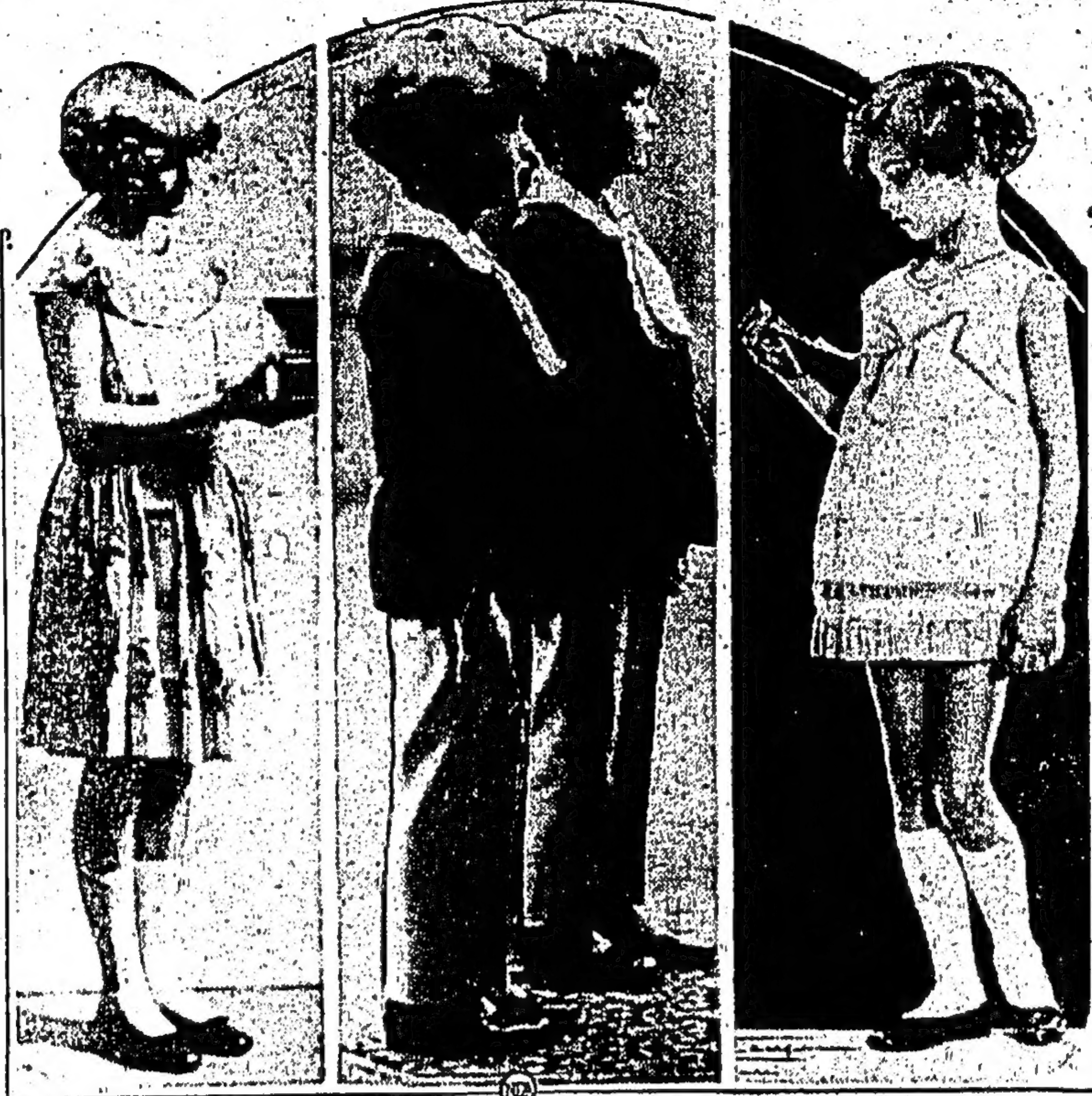
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### A Folding Brooch.

A new brooch has made its appearance. In shape it is oval or square, and it folds in two. On each side of the brooch there are a number of little claws, so that it can be folded over and clipped to the brim of a hat, the cuff of a sleeve, or at the side of a neck opening.

Havana-brown is a favourite colour for evening dresses, as well as for day gowns. This rich shade is seen at its best in a velvet evening dress with a "V" shaped neck line, back and front, a full skirt that dips behind, and large loops of velvet at the back like the wings of an enormous butterfly.

### "Tolerance and A Sense of Humour."

If you were suddenly asked to state your ambitions, what would you say?

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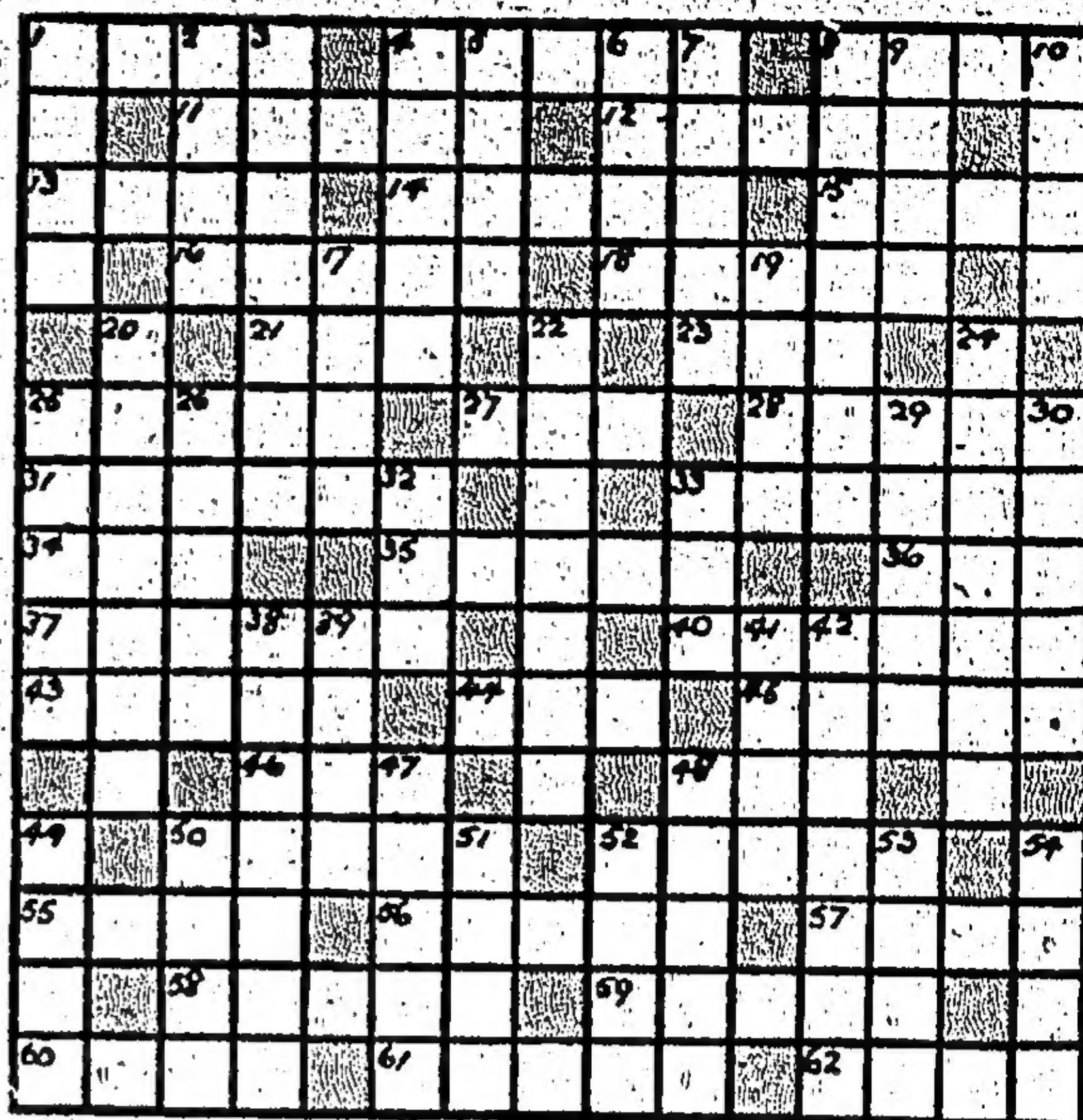
### Lovely Materials.

Displays of the new lingerie models and of boudoir wraps and smoking suits were held at Barker's, of Kensington, during last month. At one parade unusually lovely materials were employed to fashion many of the garments. One beautiful boudoir gown of white and silver brocade, with a pointed train and flattering Medici collar, had a single big poppy set on one shoulder as its sole decoration.

### A Feminine Touch.

Pyjama suits and smoking suits were often three-piece garments, comprising coat, waistcoat, and trousers, the latter being sometimes shaped rather like those of the sailor. In contrast with these, there is often a "jumper" of distinctly feminine type as complement, touches of lace, embroidery, and even bows being frequently used as adornment.

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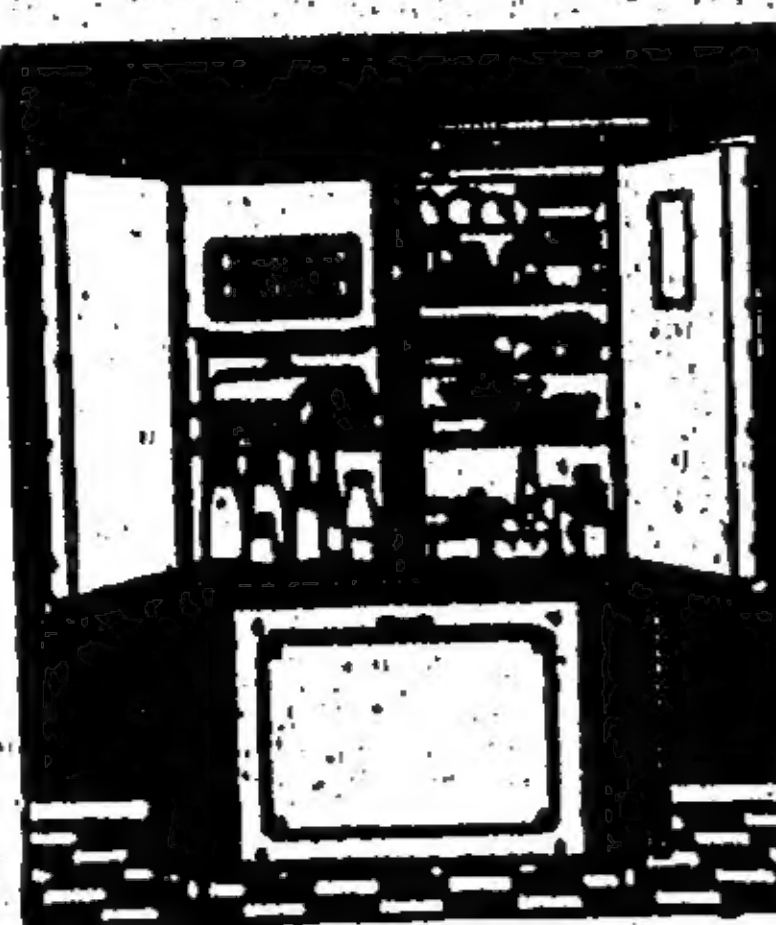
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## The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY DEC. 24, 1929.

### MARITIME QUESTIONS.

Hongkong, as a shipping port, is vitally interested in the matters which recently came before the International Labour Office of the League of Nations concerning the conditions of work amongst seafarers. Unfortunately, however, the significance and utility of the Conference were considerably impaired by the imperfectly representative character of the gathering. Particularly to be regretted was the absence of British shipowners, due to the fact that the workers' delegates had not been chosen by the National Union of Seamen, the chief lower-deck organization with whom the owners' negotiations are conducted on the National Maritime Board. However, the main work of the Conference was to decide the principal points of questionnaires, the replies to which are to come up for consideration at a future conference.

It is interesting to see precisely why the recent Conference was held. In the first place, the Peace Treaty does not confine the scope of the International Labour Office to industrial workers, as some people seem to imagine, or even to land workers. Secondly, the very first Conference, held in 1919 at Washington before the International Labour Office (the permanent Secretariat) had been established, indicated that the principle of the eight-hour day was to be applied to maritime transport. So the Governing Body (the Executive Committee, so to speak, which directs the Office) called a Maritime Conference in Genoa in 1920. There a Convention on Hours of Work at Sea was very nearly adopted—another third of a vote would have given it the necessary two-to-one majority. The failure to adopt it nearly led to an international shipping strike but this, in part through the efforts of M. Albert Thomas, the Director of the Office, was avoided. In 1926, the Governing Body convened another Maritime Conference, and there a resolution was adopted that there should be yet a third Maritime Session, and that its agenda should include the question of Hours of Work on Board Ship. The Joint Maritime Commission, which advises the Governing Body on such questions, was consulted and decided in favour of the proposal and so, in its turn, did the Governing Body itself. Hence the Maritime Conference which met in Geneva in October. The Conference had not to take a final decision but only to discuss the subject generally, and to decide which points should be put to the various Governments to elicit their views. When those views have been expressed, a further session will be held to take up a decision: if favourable to regulation of hours of work at sea, the decision might be either a Draft Convention (or Draft Treaty) or a recommendation.

The recent Conference had several other subjects to discuss—the welfare of seamen in ports, the protection of the seaman against sickness and the minimum of professional capacity to be required of officers of the watch. The absence of the British shipowners meant that the workers' delegate was not allowed to vote. However, every Government sends two delegates and each has a vote; and the Peace Treaty recognizes that a Government can still represent an industry of a country. The British Government then was able to vote; the British workers to state their views; and if the British shipowners chose to refuse to state their views, they are none the less perfectly well known—they are opposed to any regulation of hours of work at sea. Certainly it is unfortunate, as the British Government delegate observed, that the British shipowners did not themselves go to Geneva to state their objections and challenge the action of the British Government; that they should have done this through the mouths of shipowners of other countries is hardly what one would have expected of them. And it is also difficult to see why they insist that the workers' delegate must come from the Union of Seamen; why, for example, should he not equally well be an officer of the mercantile marine? However, yet another Conference has to be held, probably next year, and, in view of the important questions then to be considered, it is essential that the gathering shall be fully representative of all interests involved.

### Germany's Triumph.

The German people may settle down to their customary boisterous and joyful celebration of the Yuletide festival, with all the satisfaction that attaches to a job well done. The extreme Nationalists, in spite of the extensive propaganda carried out by the powerful Hugenberg Press, have been shown conclusively that the great body of German opinion will not suffer the repudiation of any of Germany's accepted obligations or to cast recklessly into the discard the Young Plan reparations plan which favoured Germany after extremely hard work by her representatives. The Nationalist effort to rouse the support of the people failed signally, only 5,600,000 votes being cast in favour of the Bill "against the enslavement of the German Nation" whereas nearly 21,000,000 were necessary to override the decision of the Reichstag to reject it. The move was defeated, there is reason to believe, largely because the gesture was aimed at the Republic, which has served the country well, and in the last analysis, it is clear that the Nationalist cause has been weakened rather than strengthened by their insistence upon the referendum. A number of the most important leaders have withdrawn from the Party; while the fact that only five and a half millions had sufficient interest to go to the polling stations suggests that the Nationalist strength among the rank and file has dwindled by over fifty per cent. Democracy in Germany has come through the test with flying colours, providing a fitting prelude to the season of good cheer, of peace on earth, goodwill towards men.

A Christmas treat to the poor, under the care of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, was held on Sunday at the C.Y.M.S. Club, at which His Lordship, Bishop H. Valtorta presided. After tea, money, blankets, and toys were distributed to more than 200 dependents of the Society. Special thanks are due to the many subscribers who contributed towards the fund, the C.Y.M.S. for the loan of the Hall, the ladies for cakes and all those who helped to make the treat such a success.

### DAY BY DAY.

THERE IS NO MALICE LIKE THE  
MALICE OF THE RENEGADE.  
Macaulay.

The next issue of the Hongkong Telegraph will be on Boxing Day. We take this opportunity of wishing our readers a Merry Christmas.

The Hon. Mr. J. Lorne, British Resident of Selangor, is leaving for Hongkong on a health trip, says the Malay Mail. During his absence, Mr. J. A. Hunter, Secretary to Resident, Selangor, will act for Mr. Lorne.

Enquiries made this morning regarding the action of the superfluous costumes used by members of the Philharmonic Society in staging "The Geisha," which was held after the final performance last night, show that about \$550 was realized.

The m.v. Himalaya sailed from Shanghai on the 23rd December and is due here on the 26th December. She will be despatched hence on the same day for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay and/or Karachi, Suez, Port Said, Venice and Trieste.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., advertise that on Tuesday all departments will be open till 7 p.m. On Christmas Day and Thursday, the 26th, all departments will be closed. On these days, The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

The Committee of the Hongkong Benevolent Society announce that the satisfactory sum of \$429 was the result of the Bridge and Mah Jongg Drive held on December 16th. Sincere thanks are extended to the following: Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Kaynamally & Co., A. S. Watson & Co., Kelly & Wagh, The Pharmacy, Mme. Sarault. Also to Mrs. A. H. Ferguson, Mrs. McKelhan, Mrs. F. D. Tracy, Mr. R. Sutherland and to all who assisted in any way to the success of the effort. An anonymous gift of blankets—much appreciated—has been received.

### LATEST WATER STATISTICS.

### FURTHER SHRINKAGE IN LOCAL SUPPLIES.

The total storage in the Island reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 23rd December, amounted to 1,373.33 million gallons, showing a decrease of 46.11 million gallons during the past week; the amount collected from streams being 1.63 million gallons.

The week's consumption amounted to 47.74 million gallons. The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 23rd December, amounted to 477.63 million gallons, showing a decrease of 6.76 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 26.88 million gallons, not including 1.69 million gallons supplied to Water Bots at Lai Chi Kok.

The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week is 21.81 million gallons.

### SEEKING MIRACLES AT A GRAVE.

### MAYOR AND MAYORESS PRAY IN MUD AND RAIN.

New York, Nov. 18. The miraculous cures ascribed to the grave of the Rev. Patrick Power in Holy Cross Cemetery, at Malden, Massachusetts, have brought a constantly growing number of devout Roman Catholics to the cemetery until yesterday the pilgrims totalled 200,000, taxing the efforts of 200 policemen to preserve order. Persons of all stations in life joined a long line waiting their chance to kneel and pray for health beside the grave, their number including Mr. James Curley, Mayor-elect of Boston, who with his son came to pray for the health of Mrs. Curley, who has been ill several months. Last night, when most of the crowd had departed, she braved the drizzling rain and came to the cemetery in person to kneel in the mud with her husband for ten minutes.

The ordinary traction lines failed completely under the tremendous rush of pilgrims, and the streets for a mile from the cemetery were jammed by motor traffic. The Rev. Patrick Power, a native of Ireland, has been dead 50 years, but three weeks ago a crippled woman who had prayed by his grave reported a cure, causing a rush to the grave. The region has taken on the appearance of a "boom" town, with dozens of tents, refreshment stands, and souvenir vendors.

### PRIZE PICTURES.

### HONGKONG UNIVERSITY PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB.

The prizes won in connexion with the annual exhibition of the Hongkong University Amateur Photographic Club were distributed yesterday afternoon by Mrs. M. B. Osman, wife of Dr. M. B. Osman, President of the Society.

In a short speech, the Secretary of the club Mr. K. W. Khoo, said that he wished to thank all those who had contributed pictures and had helped to make the exhibition the success it was. Their efforts had enabled a very high standard indeed to be created with regard to local photography. He also wished to thank the judges who had taken such pains in their selection of winning pictures. He recalled that the judging had been most exhaustive and had lasted for two hours.

Mr. Khoo congratulated those who had secured honourable mention by the judges. This meant, he said, that their pictures had escaped a prize by an ace and were of a high standard. He desired to thank the kind donors of prizes, which included two very handsome cameras, a developing set and gold and silver medals, the Hon. Mr. Southorn, Mrs. P. S. Suter, Mr. B. Wyllie and finally Mrs. Osman for her presence that afternoon.

The man in the street, said Mr. Khoo, often at best regarded the amateur photographer as a harmless simpleton and at worst as a lunatic. He was sure that the audience did not agree that such a verdict was true. The amateur picture-getter was always enthusiastic about his hobby. He went out early in the morning and late at night in search of pictures. Not only did he come into close contact with the beautiful things of nature, but he got to know the simple villagers around the Colony. Was it just, therefore, to make him appear a buffoon?

Following Mr. Khoo's address Mrs. Osman presented the prizes, which were won as follows:

Advanced competition, (Open):—Best Picture: "Autumnal Ray," Mr. Midori Hirakawa, Award: "Three Castles" Cup (presented by Messrs. British American Tobacco Co.).

Pictorial:—1st Prize, "Eucalyptus," Mr. P. A. Dragon, Award: Gold Medal presented by the club; 2nd Prize, "Design," Mr. J. Kotwall, Award: Silver Medal (presented by the club).

Portraiture:—"Seven Eyes," Mr. A. Abbas, Award: Gold Medal presented by Mr. B. Wyllie. Commercial:—"La Puerta del Sol," Mr. R. Pestonji, Award: Silver Medal presented by Mr. B. Wyllie. Members: Best Picture: "Romance," Mr. A. A. Rumjahn, Award: Gold Medal presented by the President (Dr. M. B. Osman).

Pictorial:—1st Prize, "Outward Bound," Mr. N. K. Ann, Award: Gold Medal presented by the club. 2nd Prize, "Morn Dew," Mr. Alfred Lock, Award: Silver Medal presented by Mr. A. A. Rumjahn.

3rd Prize, "Morning Shadows," Mr. K. W. Khoo, Award: Silver Medal presented by Mr. A. A. Rumjahn. 3rd Prize, "Columns," Mr. Yeap Chong Yew, Award: Silver Medal presented by the club.

Portraiture:—"Sonny Boy," Dr. M. B. Osman, Award: Gold Medal, (Presented by Mrs. W. T. Southorn). Beginners Competition, Open:—1st Prize, "The Team," Mr. Sum Shu Kai, Award: 2C Kodak (presented by Messrs. E. Kodak Co. Hongkong); 2nd Prize, "Ming Bowl," Mr. Chow Cheng Lum, Award: Rytol developing outfit (Presented by Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome and Co., Shanghai).

Members:—1st Prize, "Childhood and Old Age," Mr. V. Enok, Award: Vest Pocket Kodak (presented by Messrs. A. Sek and Co. Hongkong); 2nd Prize, "Ham Yee Kai," Mr. F. S. Fernandez, Award: Rytol developing outfit (Presented by Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome and Co., Shanghai). Advance: Hon. Mention:—Cloud and Sunshine, Wong Shing Hang; The Arch, Glencady, F. J. Tavares; Sand Hill, S. Ikeda; Evening, P. A. Dragon; L'Apres-midi, P. A. Dragon; Inside the Cave, Choo Chek Chee; Under the Bridge, Choo Chek Chee; Portrait of a Child, F. J. Tavares; A White Chair, S. Ikeda; Study, Dr. Li Sung; La Chapelle, J. B. Koster; A Picked up Glory, A. A. Rumjahn; Childhood, Tang Ting Cheong; Outward Bound, Alfred Lock.

Beginners, Hon. Mention:—Shadows, Chow Cheng Lum; Artificial Decoration, Chow Cheng Lum; Jimmy, Kwok Tsung Tsing; After Toll, Kwok Tsung Tsing; The Farmer's Daughter, Sky Sun.

Following the presentation, Dr. Osman said that he was most gratified with the results of the exhibition. He pointed out that the Club had received great assistance from many kind friends both in the way of services willingly rendered and in the donation of prizes. To all of them he was truly grateful and would like to express his thanks to them.

## The Very Idea!

A woman was the cause of a scene at Brighton Parish Church during the annual service of the Brighton and Sussex Friendly Societies.

Canon A. C. Rose, vicar of Brighton, who was preaching had remarked that all men were equal in the sight of God, when a woman rose in her seat near the pulpit and, turning round to the congregation, called out: "He is a liar."

There was a large congregation, practically all of whom rose from their pews. Canon Rose continued his address, while a steward requested the woman to leave. At first she refused, but when he asked for the assistance of some men sitting near she consented and went quietly.

Licenceless motorist at Brentwood—It was the first time I was allowed out after influenza, and I drove straight into the arms of a policeman.

Woman at Tottenham—I was leaning against the fence when he came along and lifted the fence, and there was I sitting on the fence until he let go, and I fell into the garden.

[A recent bride defied a modern superstition by wearing opals at her wedding.]

Of all the gems that earth's rich bosom yields—These, sure, are fairest in whose depths there lie Strange fires and azure pools and emerald fields.

Flames that leap swiftly up and swiftly die. Behind a milky mist, and rainbow hues.

Baffling, elusive, in swift sequence shown, What art of man such beauty could infuse Into the cold heart of a senseless stone?

Nay, but I shall not heed the foolish tale Which calls such things unlucky. Surely he Who first devised it thought it might avail.

To fright us from thy magic alchemy, To make us dread on beauty's neck to clasp.

Thy myriad beauties, paradise emperled, That he, thy slanderer, might stretch forth and grasp.

The joy of all the opals in the world.

The man who gave up his seat in an omnibus to a woman, and who was subsequently fined 8d. and 2s. costs for "overcrowding," is sincerely to be pitied, says a writer in a Home paper. In the old days when the number of passengers was strictly limited at all hours no question of civility could arise save when the inside passengers were asked if any gentleman would "oblige a lady"—which meant taking an outside seat, usually in the rain. Women, of course, never rode outside, wet or fine, the ladder access to the roof rendering such a thing impossible.

The overcrowding of omnibuses was then largely a matter of cruelty to horses; but the willing team under the motor's bonnet raises no objection. If, however, there is a passenger too many according to the regulations he who gives up his seat must be prepared to get out. It may seem hard lines; but it is only another step towards the equality of the sexes.

### WHO WAS.... CASABIANCA?

Mrs. Felicia Heman's poem has familiarised every school child with the story of the heroic boy, who showed a supreme obedience to his father's commands.

Captain Louis Casabianca, Commander of the flag-ship "Orient," took on board with him his ten-year-old son. After transporting Napoleon and his troops to Egypt, the French fleet was engaged by the English off Aboukir.

Admiral Bruyès was killed and Captain Casabianca had to take over the command. His young son he posted in a certain place, with strict instructions not to desert it on any account unless he received orders. A cannon-ball struck the "Orient," which caught fire, and the crew jumped for safety into the water, all except little Casabianca, who remained at his post to the last and perished in the flames. His father, in the stress of battle, had forgotten him. Captain Casabianca did not live to learn of his son's fate for he, too, lost his life.

The lad's heroism was useless, but what a shining example of constancy and fortitude it furnishes!



CANTON GERMANS  
FORM RIDE.FANLING HUNT TO BE GIVEN  
INVITATION.

## INTERPORT MEETING.

Canton, Dec. 23.  
A meeting was held yesterday at the Tungshan Garden Klub, Tungshan, for the formation of a Canton Ride. Dr. Jur. W. Wagner, Consul-General for Germany, presided and there were a large number of people of all nationalities present.

After considerable discussion it was decided to form an organisation to be known as the Canton Ride to promote all forms of riding, hunting, and picnics amongst those interested in horse riding in Canton.

Captain R. N. Blake was elected Master for the first year; Mr. Gustav Hardt as Secretary, and Messrs. Ferguson and Balot to the General Committee.

It was decided to issue an invitation to the members of the Fanling Hunt to come up to Canton, at some date during January to be arranged, for the purpose of holding a first Interport Hunt under the new organisation in Canton.

It may be remembered that such a hunt was held here last year at Chinese New Year, when fourteen riders came up from Hongkong, but on that occasion it was at the invitation of a few riding enthusiasts in Canton, as there was then no active organisation in force.—Our Own Correspondent.

DOCTOR'S WIFE AND  
CURATE.HUSBAND GRANTED A  
DIVORCE.

"It is said that the wife, besides having extravagance and a determination not to live a domestic life, but to go on the stage, brought about domestic unhappiness, in particular by systematic association with other men."

These words were used by Lord Merrivale recently when he granted a decree nisi to Dr. William Shepherd, of Doncaster, on the grounds of misconduct of his wife with the Rev. T. B. Powell, formerly senior curate at Doncaster parish church.

Lord Merrivale said that the parties were married in 1920. For a year they were very happy together. Two children were born and, apparently just before the second child was born the relations became unhappy. That unhappiness went on increasing year by year, and by 1926 a state of things was reached which involved very great misery.

## Gravity of the Case.

"To add to the gravity of the case, the co-respondent, a clerk in Holy orders, was at the material times holding duties in that capacity, at one time in Doncaster and at another time in Paris."

"The respondent is apparently a woman of about 35, the petitioner is somewhat older, a man of about 40, and the co-respondent about 36."

"The petitioner was cross-examined about an incident with a revolver on which I need not enlarge, a most unhappy incident. The facts about it really accentuate the view that must be taken about the deplorable state of the domestic life of these people."

"I hold in my hands two letters which—when her intimacy with the co-respondent was daily becoming more active—Mrs. Shepherd wrote to a man, Stanley Plowman."

"I do not read them; it would be an evil example that I should read one of them. But it is a letter in which she invites Stanley Plowman to misconduct categorically and declares her feeling with regard to him."

Mr. Shepherd was granted the custody of the two children.

## LOCAL FOOTBALL.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH ON  
CHRISTMAS DAY.

The following will represent Portugal v. China in an international match on Christmas day: N. Beltrao; R. Silva-Netto, S. Sousa, C. Rosa-Perreira, A. A. Remedios, P. M. Xavier; B. Gosano, A. Ward, A. V. Gosano, L. A. da Rocha and J. Gonçalves. Reserves, C. Figueiredo and J. Santos.

## To-Day's League Match.

Hongkong League, Division II, kick-off 2.30 p.m.: K.O.S.B. Reserves v. R.A. Reserves, Sookunpoo Ground; Referee, P. O. Mellow.

POLICY IN EGYPT  
DEBATED.

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permanently in the capital of a country we desired to recognise as an independent sovereignty.

It was still more difficult to defend such a position if the maintenance of the force was advocated, not as a means of protecting the Canal, but of preserving internal order in the country.

With regard to the Sudan, that question had been the subject of prolonged and anxious consideration.

From the notes which accompanied the Government's proposals, it would be seen that the Government were prepared to examine sympathetically proposals for the return to the Sudan of an Egyptian battalion, simultaneously with the withdrawal of British troops from Cairo.

Viewing the position from the viewpoint of the interests of the Sudan, the Governor-General had expressed himself strongly in favour of the conclusion of the Anglo-Egyptian agreement, and was willing to agree to the return of one Egyptian battalion to the Sudan.

## Adequate Safeguard.

The Government were most unwilling to agree to anything which might in the slightest degree create a danger, however remote, of a recurrence of the deplorable events of 1924.

They felt, however, that the conclusion of the treaty would create an entirely new atmosphere, and ensure that the relations between the two countries were inspired by a spirit of genuine cooperation.

Mr. Henderson pointed out that Paragraph Six of the present proposals as distinct from the Sarwat Treaty, imposed a definite treaty obligation on Egypt to ensure due discharge of her responsibilities for the lives and property of foreigners in Egypt.

He believed this proposal was adequate, and if the treaty was observed in the spirit in which it had been conceived, he believed it would be effective.

## Credit to Egypt.

We proceeded on the lines, said Mr. Henderson, that no agreement can be of permanent value unless credit is given to the Egyptians for a desire to operate the agreement in the spirit in which its provisions have been conceived.

Irritating restrictions, calculated to arouse suspicions, and which wound national susceptibilities, have been removed.

The purpose, so far as the British Government was concerned, was the establishment of a firm and lasting friendship with the Egyptian people by removal of those sources of suspicion which, in the past, have been the cause of so much damage to the interests of both peoples.

The Government believed it must regard the declaration of Egyptian independence of 1922, as having made a clean sweep of interference in the internal administration of Egypt.

## "A Policy of Force"

"Such interference, in his judgment, could only be maintained by force. A policy of force was hardly worth a moment's discussion. It was a policy for which to-day no Government would make itself responsible, and no Parliament in this country would support."

He believed, if the present proposals resulted in a treaty, they would open a happier chapter in Anglo-Egyptian relations.

It was his firm conviction that such a treaty by obtaining for Great Britain the friendship and support of Egypt, especially in times of difficulty and danger, would ensure the security of British Imperial communications far more effectively than occupation enforced in the teeth of the opposition of the Egyptian people.

He believed that through a newly-elected Government, Egypt would reciprocate the spirit of friendship and faith, which had been reposed in them in recent months by representatives of this nation.

## Mr. Churchill's Jingalism.

Mr. Churchill expressed the opinion that the acceptance of the Treaty in its present form and the withdrawal of troops from Cairo was likely to lead to bloodshed in Egypt and a dangerous situation in the Mediterranean.

Sir Herbert Samuel (Lib.) said in his opinion it was most desirable that the draft treaty be carried out in the interests of the British Empire as well as of Egypt.

Dr. Hugh Dalton, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, declared that the rate of removal of troops from Cairo and Alexandria would depend primarily upon the speed with which the Egyptian authorities created the required amenities in the Canal Zone.

He trusted that the Nationalists would have commonsense enough to know that Mr. Winston Churchill was now out of office and that

## FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR THE  
HOLIDAYS.

Fanling starting times for the holidays are:

Christmas Day.  
9.24 a.m.—M. H. Turner and E. de Vaux.  
9.28 a.m.—W. D. Harris and O. D. Brown.  
9.32 a.m.—P. Morrison and W. W. Mackenzie.  
9.36 a.m.—A. E. Lissaman and E. D. Lawrence.  
9.40 a.m.—I. H. Gearr and L. R. Andrews.  
9.44 a.m.—A. C. I. Bowker and J. R. Collis.  
9.48 a.m.—R. Gordon and A. H. Penn.  
9.52 a.m.—V. M. Grayburn and E. D. C. Wolfe.  
9.56 a.m.—W. J. Roberts and G. E. Towns.  
10.00 a.m.—A. P. Bungey and J. W. Alabaster.  
10.04 a.m.—E. M. Bryden and D. S. Robb.  
10.08 a.m.—W. G. Lorimer and J. Forbes.  
10.12 a.m.—Capt. Davison and J. L. MacPherson.  
10.16 a.m.—W. A. Butterfield and G. W. Sowell.  
10.20 a.m.—D. S. Edward and D. Ellis.  
10.24 a.m.—O. Eager and W. J. Clerk.  
10.28 a.m.—F. Ellis and E. D. Black.  
10.32 a.m.—C. Mycock and J. M. Meccredy.  
10.36 a.m.—A. H. Alexander and G. E. C. Marton.

## Boxing Day.

9.24 a.m.—O. E. C. Marton and L. G. S. Dodwell.  
9.28 a.m.—A. D. Humphreys and O. Eager.  
9.32 a.m.—H. U. Ireland and H. Spicer.  
9.36 a.m.—E. Davidson and E. D. Matthews.  
9.40 a.m.—T. Grant and H. Hampton.  
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10.08 a.m.—A. B. Purves and A. O. Bravin.  
10.12 a.m.—C. W. Jeffries and S. T. Rutlin.  
10.16 a.m.—R. Sturt and J. W. Alabaster.  
10.20 a.m.—A. C. Meredith and N. H. Procter.  
10.24 a.m.—H. G. Sheldon and C. C. Black.  
10.28 a.m.—R. H. Wild and J. P. Sherry.

## LOCAL CRICKET.

TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT  
ON CLUB GROUND.

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against the Army on December 26 and against the Navy on January 1 and 2, play to commence at 10.30 a.m.: T. E. Pearce (Captain), H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, G. E. R. Divett, D. Mont, H. J. Armstrong, H. V. Parker, A. Reid, A. C. Beck, E. J. R. Mitchell and J. R. Hinton.

Egypt had to deal with different men propounding new principles.

He refuted "the panic suggestion" that the Treaty would enable foreign armies to invade Egypt. He pointed out that Egypt would be protected by the League Covenant.

The debate was adjourned.—British Wireless and Reuter.

AIR CRASH OVER NEW  
YORK.PASSENGER FLOATS SAFELY  
TO HOUSE ROOF.

New York, Nov. 20.

While flying at an altitude of 8,000 feet over New York, Charles R. Reid suddenly lost control of his craft, which went into a tail spin. When his efforts to right the plane proved fruitless, Reid told his passenger, R. J. Bailey, to trust to his parachute but he himself remained in the plane.

It spun downward over the mass of masonry of mid-town apartments while Reid worked frantically in the effort to bring it into the one open space available, Central Park. Missing this the plane crashed on to the roof of an apartment house in Central Park West with an impact that sent one of the wings hurtling to the street and left the rest of the machine a mass of wreckage. The pilot was instantly killed.

Meanwhile Bailey floated earthward and landed safely on the roof of the Y.M.C.A. building, a block away from the plane.

A huge crowd, immediately assembled to view the unusual accident and made it difficult for the police and firemen to reach the wreck, from which they had hoped to take the pilot alive.

## VILMA BANKY.

GREAT STAR ROLE IN  
NEW FILM.

Celebrating her newly acquired American citizenship by appearing for the first time as an everyday American girl, Vilma Banky comes to the Queen's Theatre on Christmas Day as the star of "This Is Heaven," her second individual starring picture for Samuel Goldwyn. The difficulties of a Hungarian girl learning to act to American taste and the new and strange life she finds in New York make up the body of the story, which gives her ample opportunity for both comedy and pathos.

First seen as a frightened little peasant, muffled in countless petticoats and shawls, then in a neat waitress uniform as she slips hot cakes in a restaurant window, Miss Banky shows a new side of her acting ability to her public in "This Is Heaven." James Hall, one of the most prominent leading men in Hollywood, Fritz Ridgeway and Lucien Littlefield are prominent in the supporting cast.

Direction of "This Is Heaven," with its countless details of modern life in New York, was in the hands of Alfred Santell, maker of "The Patent Leather Kid" for Richard Barthelmess, who also acts one of the minor roles in the pictures. The story itself is the work of Hope Loring, long noted in Hollywood as a skilled writer of original stories for moving pictures.

Its plot, built about the complication of having the little waitress fall in love with a rich young man, believing him to be a chauffeur, gives Miss Banky an opportunity to develop the talent for comedy which was widely commented on as being evident in "The Awakening," her last picture. Almost a month was spent by the entire Goldwyn producing staff in New York last fall filming the exterior scenes in authentic localities in the Bronx, on Fifth Avenue and Ellis Island.

FORMER STRAITS  
GOVERNOR.SIR HUGH CLIFFORD MAY FLY  
TO MALAYA!

## KEEN ON AVIATION.

Singapore, Dec. 17.  
That Sir Hugh Clifford now owns a private aeroplane, that he is contemplating a flight to Malaya, and that all his old vigour and keenness have returned, are the cheering conclusions to be drawn from a brief but characteristic note from our late Governor which has been received in Singapore.

It will be recalled that a few days ago, our London correspondent cabled that Sir Hugh expected to find his main interest in aviation, now that his career as a colonial administrator is over.

Sir Hugh's message, which has been forwarded to the Straits Times from Government House, is as follows:

"My wife is now in Cornwall and I hope will shortly proceed with her sister to the Riviera. I shall be there myself in my new Gipsy Moth 'Theban Eagle,' which was licensed yesterday, starting about January 20."

"Please tell my friends of all nationalities in Malaya that I hope during the year ahead to pay occasional visits to Negri Kila, borne by the same gullant fowl."

Our London correspondent cabled this morning that Lady Clifford is now convalescing in Cornwall.—Straits Times.

## SHARE PRICES

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Hongkong Bank, \$1320 b.  
Chartered Bank, \$184 n.  
Morcantile A. & B., \$304 n.  
East Asia \$95 b.  
Insurance.  
Canton Ins., \$695 n.  
Union Ins., \$359 b.  
North China, Ins., Tls. 160 b.  
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.  
China Underwriters, \$2 n.  
China Fire, \$310 b.  
H. K. Fire Ins., \$815 n.  
Shipping.  
Douglases, \$251 n.  
H. K. Steamboats, \$271 b.  
H. K. Tugs, \$2 n.  
Indo-China, (Def.) \$70 n.  
Union Waterboats \$22 n.  
Mining.  
Bonguets, \$470 b.  
Kailans, \$5 n.  
Langkots, Tls. 13.60 n.  
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n.  
Raub, \$11.20 n.  
Tronols, 21/- b.  
Docks, etc.  
Kowloon Wharves, \$149 b.  
Whampoa Docks, \$322 b.  
China Providents \$5.45 b.  
Hongkows, Tls 190 n.  
New Engineering, Tls. 7.50 n.  
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 95 n.  
Cottons.  
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 147 b.  
Orientals, Tls. 2.30 b.  
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 74 (old) b.  
Lands, Hotels, etc.  
H. and S. Hotels, \$11.60 sa.  
H. K. Lands, \$641 b.  
S'hai Lands Tls. 161 n.  
Humphreys, \$14.60 sa.  
Realities, \$8 b.  
Chinese Estates \$93 n.  
Public Utilities.  
Tramways, \$18.70 b.  
Peak Trams, (old) \$11.75 n.  
Star Ferries, \$691 n.  
China Lights, (Old) \$17.55 n.  
H. K. Electric, \$652 b.  
Macao Electric, \$23 b.  
Telephones \$3.10 b.  
China Buses, Tls 154 b.  
Singapore Tractions, 10/- n.  
Industries.  
China Sugars, \$90 b.  
Malabona, \$27 n.  
Cald Macq. Ord. Tls. 11 n.  
Canton Iron, \$2.50 n.  
Cements (Comb.) \$13.70 sa.  
Ropos \$7 1/2 sa.  
United Asbestos \$5 b.  
Stores, etc.  
Dairy Farms, \$20 b.  
Watsons, \$12 sa.  
Dor A. Wings, \$80 n.  
Lane Crawfords, \$1.85 b.  
Mackintosh, \$18 b.  
Sinceros, \$12 n.  
Miscellaneous.  
Amusements, \$231 sa.  
Constructions, \$1.30 b.  
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 61%  
H. K. G. Loan 4 1/4 a. Prem.

HAROLD LLOYD  
PICTURE."SPEEDY" FOR THE MAJESTIC  
THEATRE.

"Speedy," Lloyd's latest comedy, released by Paramount, arrives at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, to-day for a five days' run. Lloyd introduces a new leading lady to his many fans. She is Ann Christy, a Baby Wampus star for 1928. He selected Miss

Christy for the part, as he thought she best typified the modern New York girl. The comedy has a New York background and many of the scenes were filmed actually in New York City, creating a departure in all Lloyd comedies. All advance reports are highly encouraging for another great work he demonstrates the power of confidence over all obstacles.

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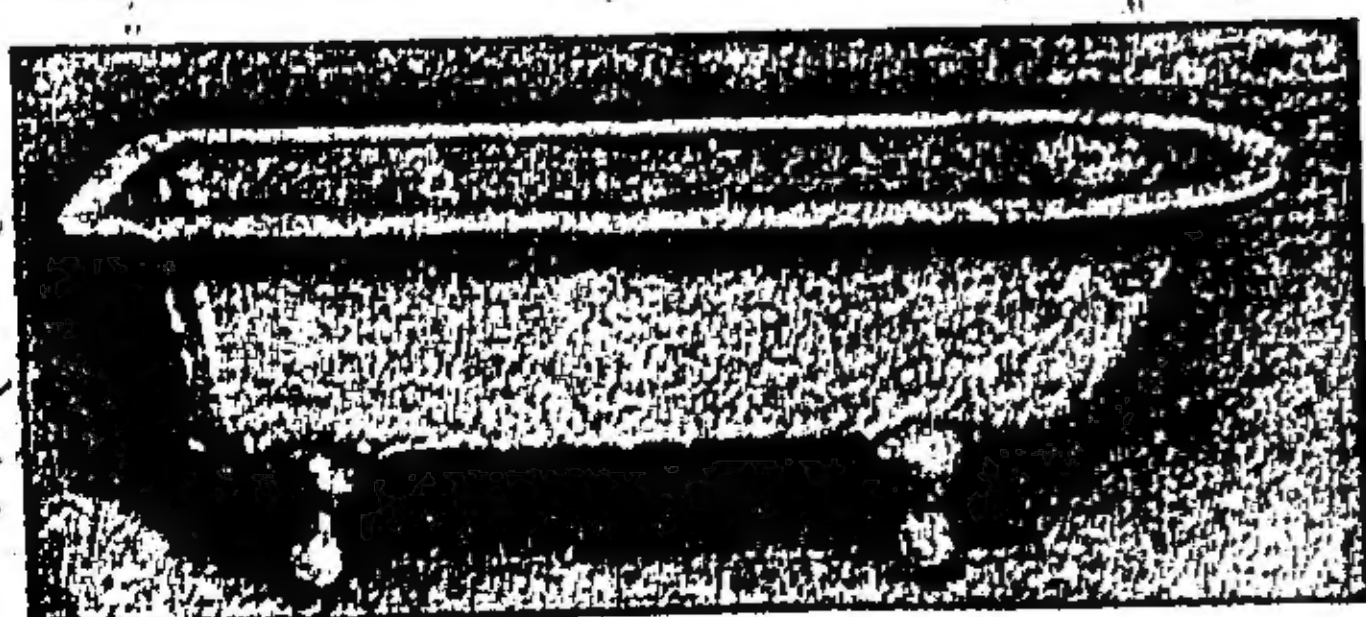
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## GARRISON NEWS.

### SUCCESSFUL R.A.O.C. DANCE.

A most enjoyable and thoroughly successful dance was given by all ranks of the R.A.O.C. last night. It was held in the Royal Engineers' Theatre in Wellington Barracks, and the room was tastefully decorated with flags, bunting, and a profusion of streamers and other seasonable decorations. A large number of guests included the General Officer Commanding the Troops in China (H.E. Major General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.), Colonel W. D. S. Brownrigg, D.S.O., (A.Q.M.G., China Command), Colonel R. B. Skinner, O.B.E., Royal Engineers, and Colonel F. S. Exham, D.S.O., R.A.O.C., and a large number of Staff, Corps and Regimental Officers.

Musie was provided by the Lyric Band, and the dance terminated very early this morning with all present voting it an entire success.

Boxing. It has been decided to hold an Area Boxing Meeting in the New Year. Preliminary bouts will take place on the afternoon of January 5th, and the finals will be held on the evening of the following day, at the City Hall. Some good fighting should be seen, judging by the excellent show put up last week at Sham Shui Po by the Somersets.

The following Units, or combinations of Units will form teams for the purpose of award of points:—Royal Artillery, Somerset Light Infantry, King's Own Scottish Borderers, and all Departmental Units. The competition will consist of individual entries, to an unlimited number from any Units, and scoring will not commence until the semi-final stage has been reached. Every competitor to enter the ring in the semi-final rounds will be awarded a point, an additional point being given to each competitor in the finals, and an extra point for the winner. Thus, the winner of a weight will have scored three points for his side, a runner-up two points, and a losing semi-finalist one point. Byes will count as fights for the purposes of scoring. If at the semi-final round, but anyone disqualified will forfeit his points for the fight in question.

Fights will be classified into weights, as laid down in the Handbook of the Army Boxing Association, and each fight will be of three rounds, of two minutes each.

Last Postings and Appointments. Captain F. C. Marriott, Royal Artillery, who is at present serving in Singapore, will be posted to Hongkong early in February.

Captain J. A. Agnew Wallace has been appointed Adjutant to the 2nd Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, now stationed at Tientsin. His recent appointment, notified a short time ago, as Adjutant of the 8th Battalion of the same regiment, has now been cancelled.

Lieut. F. M. Bucher, Royal Scots, is being posted to the 2nd Battalion at Tientsin, from the 1st Battalion now at Aldershot.

Retirement. Captain W. H. Williams, M.C., R.A.S.C., who recently left Hongkong for the United Kingdom, is retiring at an early date.

Yesterday's Football. 31st Battery defeat H.Q. Wing, S.L.L.—This game was played at a fast pace on the Happy Valley ground yesterday afternoon. Teams: 31st Battery—Maltby; Oliver; Seal; Hall; Fletcher; Joyce; Cotton; Rodgers; Gill; Leach; Day. H.Q. Wing, S.L.L.—Wallace; Green; Nell; Hooker; Haywood; Bristow; Rayson; Guest; Early; Daggett; Hancock.

The Somersets were the first to make ground, Rayson going down on the right and putting in a good centre, from which a corner was forced, though no advantage came from the flag-kick. A shot by Guest was intercepted by Oliver, to concede another corner, the kick going behind the line.

The Gunners got down to the other end and kept up their pressure, without being able to find the net, though a fine hard drive by Rodgers was well saved by Wallace.

The Artillery side were much the heavier team, and their weight told in the defence, where the Somersets' forwards were often knocked off the ball by superior strength. Half-time was blown without any score.

On the resumption the first five minutes produced a goal, Gill obtained the first goal for the Gunners with a fine shot that Wallace could not reach.

A shot by Rodgers compelled Wallace to dive at full length to save, but soon afterwards Gill was fouled in the penalty area, and Leach made no mistake with the kick from the spot.

Continuing to attack, the Gunners made several runs near to the Somersets' goal, Day having hard luck in sending just wide from a difficult angle.

A melee and some misunderstanding in front of the Gunners goal gave Early a chance, and he lobbed the ball over Maltby's head to reduce the Somersets' deficit. Play was taken at once to the other end from the kick-off, and Gill sent in a fast rising shot that almost burst the net. Some

end-to-end play ensued, the Somersets getting near the Artillery goal, and a shot by Hancock, and another by Guest, were saved by Maltby. About ten minutes before the end of the game, Gill got through again, to score his hat-trick.

Navy Matches. Iroquois defeated Sterling at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon by three goals to one. Teams: Iroquois—Wyatt; Sawyer; Hamon; Curtis; Nobes; Watson; Hall; Fell; Evans; Allsop; Wade.

Sterling—Darrall; Down; Malkin; Dorrian; Nicol; Edwards; Brunchley; Ford; McCabe; Palmer; Lock.

Both teams settled down early, and each side's territory was raided in turn. Danger threatened Sterling soon after the commencement, when Wade made a good run down the left wing, and put in a good centre, but the whistle was blown for off-side. Further pressure was put in by the Iroquois, and a corner was forced. Wade sent in a good kick, which was not touched in front of the goal-mouth, and Sterling were able to make some headway.

A free-kick to Sterling from about 20 yards out was sent across the goal, for Palmer to score with Wyatt at the other end of the goal. Soon after the ball was centred, Fell drove the ball into the net, but the referee disallowed the goal for off-side. Iroquois returned to the attack immediately, and Evans equalised with a difficult shot, the ball rebounding from the cross-bar over the line.

Darrall and Malkin held out against several raids, but Iroquois were not to be denied, and shortly after the interval Hall headed in a pass from Wade which had been intended for Evans. A goal up, and the Iroquois forwards determined to consolidate their lead, and a few minutes after Evans took a good pass from Watson, and scored the third goal for his side.

An accident to Ford, Sterling's inside-right, necessitated his removal from the field, and weakened the attack to a great extent.

Sterling returned to the attack, and were certainly extending Iroquois, but their luck was out, almost always when they were near goal, and the final whistle was blown without further score.

Another China Fleet Football League game, played at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, resulted in a win for Tamar from Herald by four clear goals. Sorbie scored twice for Tamar, and Read and Hampson each got a goal. Teams: Tamar—Price; Brown; Robinson; Mr. Bunker; Carson; Burnett; Butler; Hampson; Lake; Sorbie; Read.

Herald—Christianson; Bagwell; Hocking; Pike; Jago; Harrison; Mills; Ross; Hannaford; Lt. Bamford; Williams.

Hockey. In a friendly hockey match, at Happy Valley yesterday, Hermes defeated Cornwall by two goals to one, in a fast and very interesting game.

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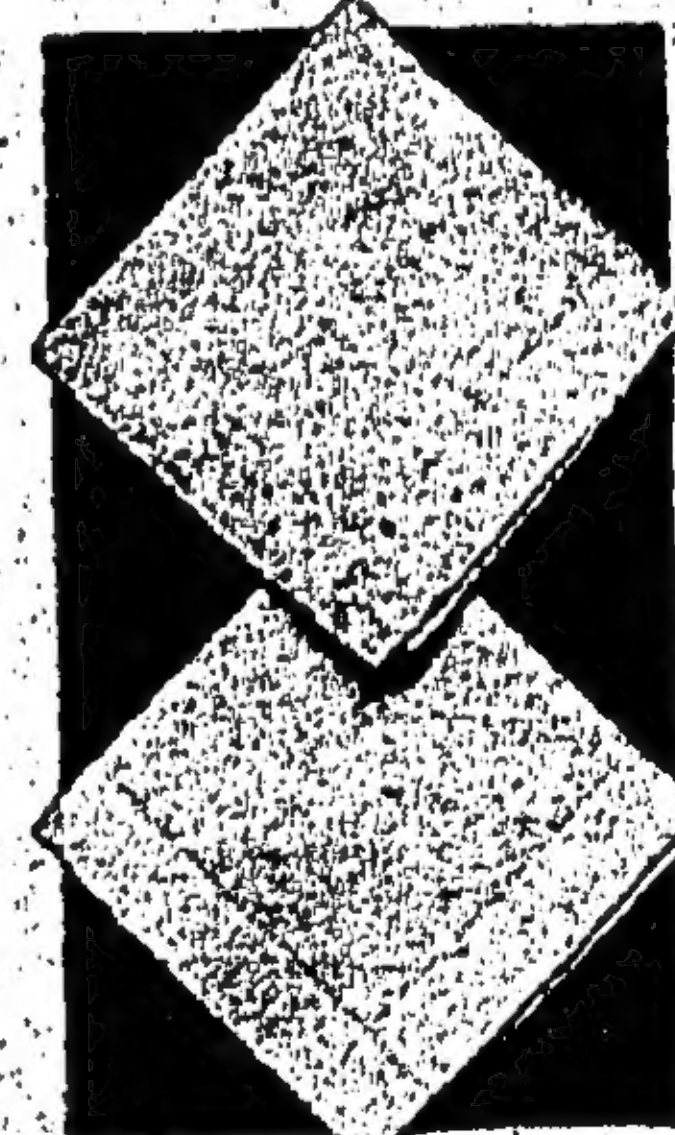


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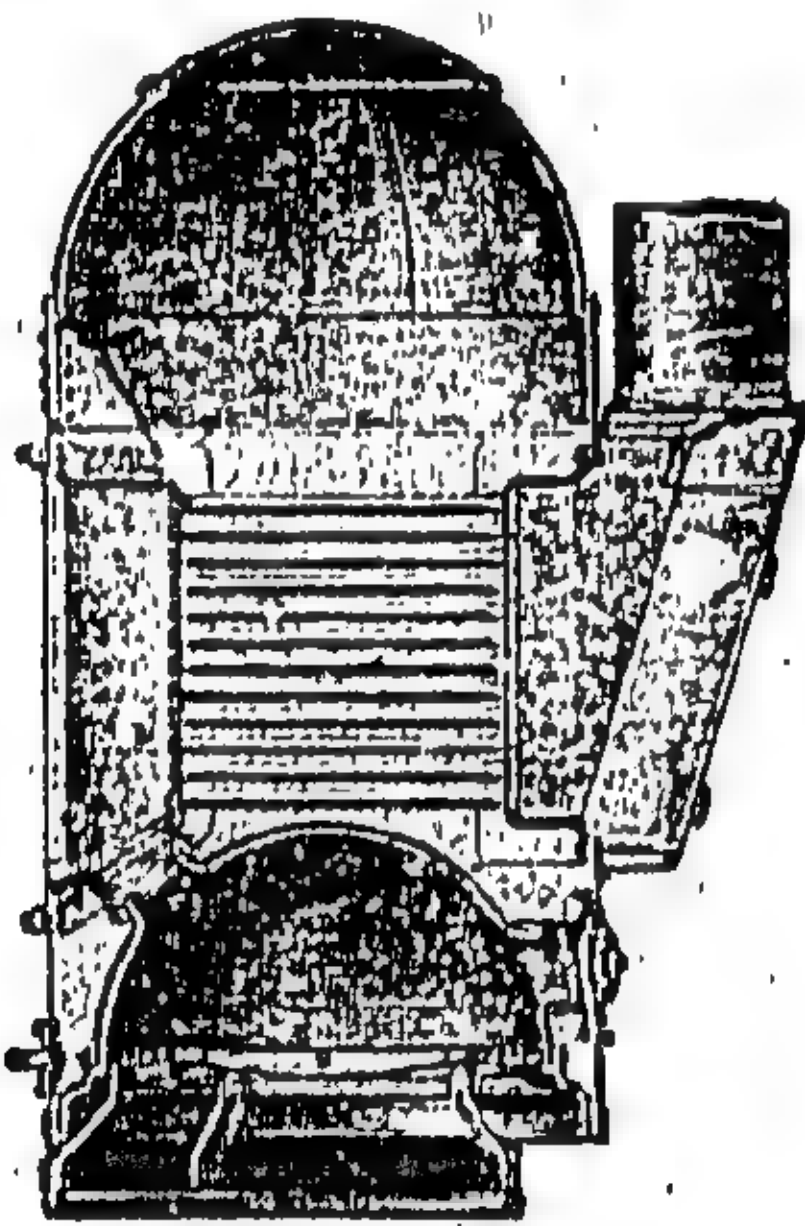
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The programmes are as follows:

#### To-Night's Programme.

Broadcast by ZBW, on the wavelengths of 355 metres and 49 metres. 11.00-11.30 a.m. Commercial news. 12.30-1.30 p.m. Demonstration programme.

1.45 p.m. Weather report. 5.00-5.30 p.m. Programme of Victor and H. M. V. records supplied by the courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie Ltd. "New Moon-Selection" (Romberg). "Wake up and dream-Selection" (Porter).

New Mayfair Orchestra. "Valse Myrteuse" (Meale). "Souvenir Di Valentino" (Wood). "Wedding of the painted Doll" (Brown).

"My flame of Love" (Nicholls). De Groot. "Minuet in G" (Beethoven). "Faust" (Waltz). Edward O'Henry.

"If I didn't miss you" (Endor and Steinberg). "I've always wanted to call you my Sweetheart" (Endor, Steinberg and Ward). Gracie Fields, Comedienne.

5.30-6.00 p.m. Children's programme. 6.40-7.00 p.m. Programme of Victor and H. M. V. records, etc. "Song of the Flea" (Guthrie-Mouspragky).

"Barbiere Di Siviglia-La Calunnia" (Rusini). Feodor Chaliapin. "Minuet" (Faderewski). Op. 14, No. 1).

"Moonlight Sonata-Adagio Sostenuto" (Beethoven, Op. 27, No. 2). Ignace Jan Paderewski. "Song of the Volga Boatmen" (Russian Folk Song).

"Shining Moon" (Kiriloff's Russian Balalaika Orchestra). "Cross Roads" (Klinges-Axi-Mendoza). "Marie" (Irving Berlin).

Franklyn Baur. "Nights of Gladness-Valse" (Charles Aschaff). "Millicent-Valse Hecitation" (Frank W. McKee).

Rudy Seiger's Shell Symphonists. "Little Pail" (Jolson-De Sylva-Brown-Henderson). "I love to hear you singing" (Lillian Glanville-Haydn Wood).

John McCormack. "Caprice Viennois" (Kremler). "Humorous" (Dvorak-Kremler). "Glockenspiel" (Meale).

"Pastorale" (Gullmunt). "Arthur Meale and A. Noville Taylor. "Hungarian Rhapsody" (No. 2-Parts 1 and 2) (Liszt).

Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra. 7.48 a.m. Weather report. 8.00-10.30 p.m. Programme of Chinese music. Close down.

Christmas Day. 10.55 a.m. Morning Service relayed from St. John's Cathedral. 12.15 p.m. (Approx.) Close down. Boxing Day.

Broadcast by ZBW on 355 and 49 metres. 5.00-7.00 p.m. Programme of H. M. V. and Victor records supplied by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie.

"Softly as in a morning sunrise" (New Moon"-Romberg). "One kiss" (De Groot and His Orchestra).

"If you were mine" (Myers). "Am I Blue" (Akst). Anona Winn. "Serenade-Waltz" (R. Drigo). "The Flower of Italy-Waltz" (G. de Stefano).

Rossi Band. "Sonny Boy" (Jolson-De Sylva-Brown-Henderson). "Jeannine I dream of Lilac Time" (L. Wolfe Gilbert-Nat. Shilkret).

Victor Salon Group. "Christmas Hymns and Carols-Parts 1 and 2" Trinity Choir. "Gold and Silver-Waltz" (Franz Lehar).

International Concert Orchestra. "Emperor-Waltz" (Johann Strauss).

International "Novelty Orchestra. "Tristan and Isolde-Liebestos" (Wagner). "San Francisco Symphony Orchestra. "Cute Little Flat" (Hackforth).

Gracie Fields and Archie Pat. "When You're Gone" (Heymann). "Gipsy Love-Waltz" (Lehar).

"Sweetheart-Waltz" (Strauss). International Concert Orchestra. "Wake up and dream" (Porter).

"Wake up and dream" (Porter). "What is this thing called Love" (Verdi, arr. Tavan). "Hear my Prayer" (Mendelssohn). Parts 1 and 2.

Choir of Temple Church, London. "Songs of the Past" Nos. 1 and 2. Victor Mixed Chorus. "Dance of the Hours-Parts 1 and 2" (Ponchielli).

Victor Symphony Orchestra. "Roll Away, Clouds" (Waller and Tunbridge). "Mammy" (Arr. Robeson). Paul Robeson.

"Boheme-Death Scene" (Puccini). "Part 1 and 2" (Puccini). "Thinking of you" (Five O'clock Girl-Ruby).

"Merrill" (Besly). Winnie Malville and Derek Oldham. "Marche Militaire" (Schubert arr. B.). "Andantino" (Lemare).

Arthur Meale. "Dear Little Cafe" (Bitter Sweet-Coward). "I'll see you again" (Percy Wood and George Metaxa). "Jolly Fellows-Waltz" (Vollstedt).

### CHINA POLICY.

#### NAVIGATION RIGHTS TO BE ABOLISHED.

Nanking, Dec. 23.

Dr. C. T. Wang, outlining the foreign policy of the National Government for 1930 this morning, declared that in the coming year the work of his Ministry would be devoted to the abolition of foreign, inland and coastal navigation rights; the withdrawal of foreign troops; and the retrocession to China of the foreign concessions and settlements.

He added that upon Britain's own initiative, preparations were being made for revision of the Sino-British treaty, and a draft of this had already been forwarded to the British Government for consideration.

"Adequate measures will be taken at the end of this year regarding the extrajudicial efforts which were made during the current year, therefore they have not been in vain," Reuter.

#### CROWN LAND SALE.

##### POOR BIDDING FOR ONE KOWLOON LOT.

There was a comparatively small attendance of buyers at yesterday's sale of Crown Land at the Crown Lands Office of the P.W.D.

The lot offered was described as Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2290, comprising about 12,500 square feet. It is situated opposite Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1727 at Mong Kok Tsui and has a yearly rental of \$144. The land was sold for the usual term of 75 years, with the option of renewal for a further 75 years at the conclusion of the first period.

Bidding commenced at the upset price of \$28,125 and was advanced by only one \$100 bid. The purchaser was Mr. Chong Sam Young of 12 Yunan Lane.

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Johann Strauss and Symphony Orch. "In a Persian Market-Part 1 and 2" (Albert W. Ketelbey).

Albert W. Ketelbey's Concert Orch. "Dance of Seville" (C. Grunow). "The two Imps" (K. J. Alford). Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra. "Les Millions D'Arlequin-Serenade" (Drigo-Auer).

"Ave Maria" (Schubert-Wilhelm). Violin Solo by Efreim Zimballat with Piano. 5.30-6.00 p.m. Children's programme.

Aunt Joan, Uncle Dick and Uncle Jeff will entertain the kiddies. 6.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese programme. 7.48 p.m. Weather report. 9.00 p.m. Programme of Columbia records by courtesy of Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

"Hit the Deck-Selection. Part 1 and 2" (Vincent Youmans). London Hippodrome Orchestra. "Passing By" (Herriek and Purcell).

"The Yeoman's Wedding Song" (M. X. Hayes and Prince Poniatowski). Rex Palmer-Baritone. "By the Blue Hawaiian Waters-Tone Picture" (Tone Picture).

Part 1. (a) Introduction, (b) the "Hula" Dance. (c) The "Kanaka" Lover Appears. Part 2. (a) The Song of the "Hula" Girl. (b) Dance of the Betrothal Ceremony (Albert W. Ketelbey).

Albert W. Ketelbey's Concert Orch. "Evening" (Easthope Martin). "The Storm" (G. T. Patman). Organ Solo by G. T. Patman (Compton Organ).

"Aida-Selection, Part 1 and 2" (Verdi, arr. Tavan). New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra. "In Springtime" (Shakespeare and Newton).

"At Love's Beginning" (Campbell and Lehmann). Duet: Dora Labette and Norman Allyn, with Piano. "La Boheme-Selection. Part 1 and 2" (Puccini arr. Gauwin).

New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra. "The Old Orange Flute" (Traditional, collected by H. R. Haywards). Richard Hayward, Baritone, with Piano. "La Tosca-Selection, Part 1 and 2" (Puccini arr. Tavan).

New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra. "Come into the Garden, Maud" (Kilmarney). "Balko arr. Scar". J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. "Bitter Sweet-Selection. Part 1 and 2" (Noel Coward). Kay Starita and His Ambassadors Band. 10.30 p.m. Close down.



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## NEW MONGOL REPUBLIC.

## SOVIET REPORTED GIVING ENCOURAGEMENT.

Tokyo, Dec. 23. The project for a new Mongol republic under Soviet encouragement in the district of Barga, as reported in official despatches from Harbin and Mukden, is likely to further complicate the vexed Chinese Eastern Railway situation.

Apparently trustworthy information reaching Japanese officials is to the effect that the Young Mongols took the opportunity of the invasion in November to occupy the towns deserted by the Chinese. At present Hallar is not held by the Soviet but by Mongols with Russian and Buriat officers, equipped with Russian arms.

Partial confirmation is forthcoming of the Russian statement made at the Harbinovsk conference that Hallar is occupied by the Mongols and that the Russians are unable to compel evacuation.

The Governor of Heilungkiang has reported on the Barga situation to Mukden, and Chang Hsueh-liang has despatched several Mongol Princes acknowledging his overlordship of Barga in an attempt to head off the independent movement.

Japanese opinion is that the Soviet may be encouraging the Barga development in order to strengthen their claim that the Chinese are unable to maintain peace in the C.E.R. zone, and hence the Soviet must share the policing of the railway, when the question arises at the coming C.E.R. conference at Moscow. — *Reuter.*

## NANKING AMAZED.

## AT REPORTS REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL TRAIN.

Nanking, Dec. 23. The Chinese authorities express amazement regarding the reports that the Manchurian authorities have in any way prevented the international train proceeding to the Siberian-Manchurian border. Officials emphatically declare that the military measures of Soviet troops are responsible for the inability of the train to proceed to the desired destination.

China is most desirous that neutrals should visit the zone "ravaged by the wanton raids of the Soviet troops and make known to the world the responsibility of the Soviet in invading Chinese territory and violating the Kellogg Pact." — *Reuter.*

## MISSIONARY HELD.

## STILL IN HANDS OF COMMUNISTS.

Shanghai, Dec. 23. It transpires that the Rev. E.H. Livesley, who was reported to have been captured and held by Communists, is not in the hands of Communists but is safe at Hankow. Rev. H.W.E. Sandy of the Wesleyan Mission is still a captive. — *Reuter.*

[A previous message stated that Communists raided Teyeh, 50 miles south-east of Hankow, drove out the Government troops and occupied the town, carrying off with them the Rev. Sandy, who was held for a large ransom. The Rev. Livesley was reported to have been captured at the same time.]

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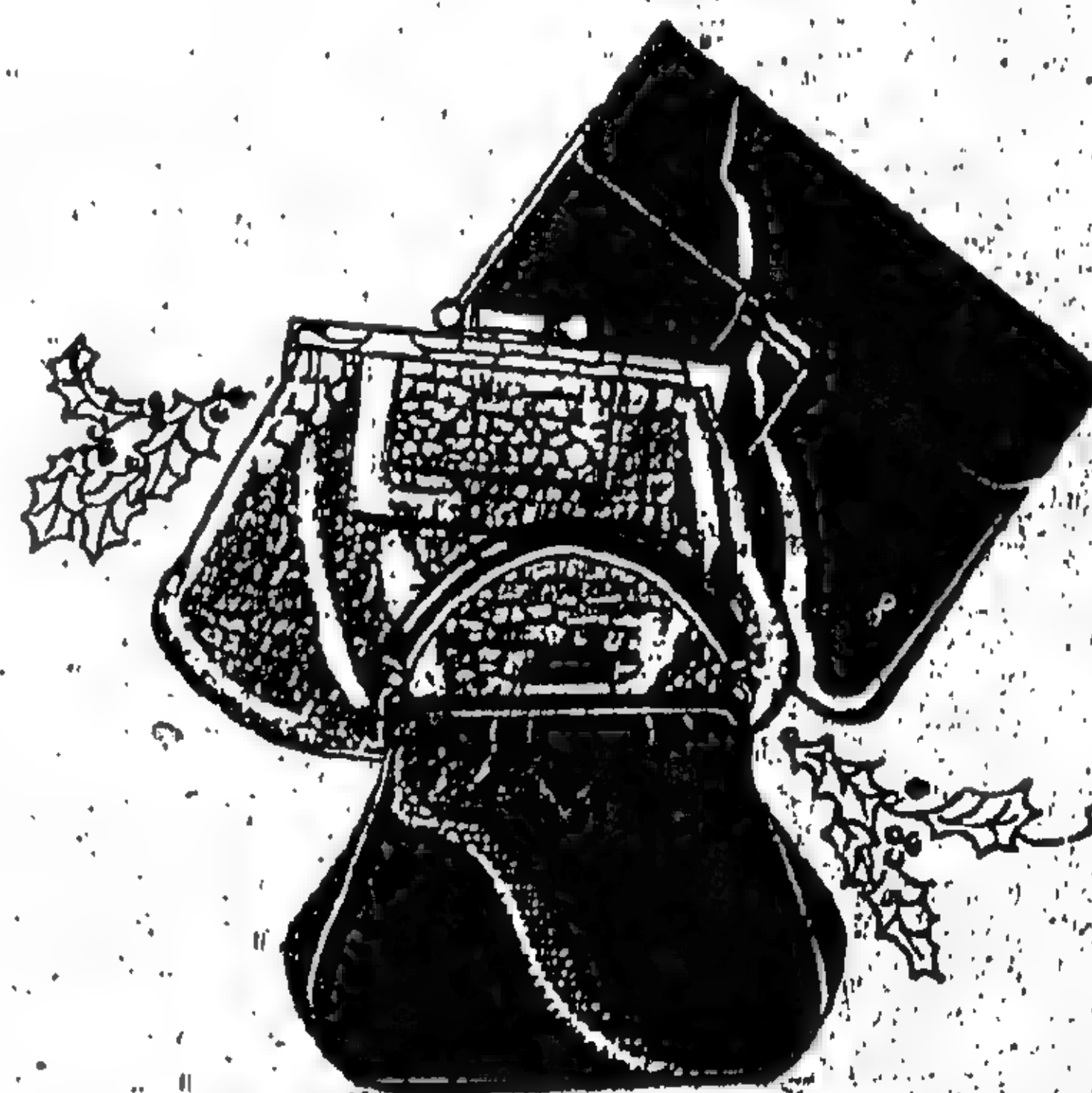
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PARLIAMENT SITTING UNTIL  
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London, Dec. 23.  
For the first time for more  
than forty years, the House of  
Commons will not rise for the Chris-  
mas recess until Christmas Eve.  
The House will meet to-morrow  
at eleven in the morning.

There are 98 questions on paper  
affecting most of the departments  
of State, and a discussion on the  
subjects is to be raised.  
This afternoon, there will be a  
full dress debate on Egypt, in  
which Sir Austen Chamberlain,  
Mr. Winston Churchill and the  
Foreign Secretary Mr. Arthur  
Henderson, are expected to take  
part.—British Wireless.

## The Avenging Parrot by Anne Austin

### CHAPTER XXV. (Cont.)

"I don't see how he could figure  
on the police not learning the  
connection between the two wo-  
men," Strawn objected.  
"I believe he thought he was  
fairly safe on that score, after  
rummaging through Mrs. Ho-  
garth's things and finding not a  
scrap of paper bearing Sally  
Graves' or Sally Griffin's name,"  
Dundee answered. "Remember,  
he had already destroyed all evi-  
dence of that connection at the other  
end—documentary evidence, I  
mean. And probably Sally as-  
sured him that no living person be-  
sides her mother knew her real  
name. If she did not, the news-  
papers reporting the murder per-  
formed that service for him, by  
failing to unearth a single clue as  
to her past or to find a single in-  
timate friend of the dead milliner.  
But—as usually happens—Griffin  
made one big mistake. He failed  
to notice that the lining of the  
trunk lid was loose at one corner."

"Well!" Strawn drew a deep  
breath, a mingling of incredulity  
and hope, as he reached for the  
telephone on his desk. "We'll see  
what your uncle, the police com-  
missioner, has to say. This thing's  
too complicated for me. I'd rather  
take orders for a while." And he  
called a number.

Ten minutes later, Police Com-  
missioner O'Brien strode into the  
chief of detectives' office, clapped  
his nephew on the back affection-  
ately, then settled down in the only  
comfortable chair to hear Strawn's  
story of the latest developments in  
the Hogarth case.

Dundee listened respectfully,  
but as Strawn conscientiously re-  
peated all of the amazing and un-  
supported deductions which his  
nephew's assistant had made, the  
boy felt a genuine affection for the  
older detective growing rapidly in  
his susceptible young heart. None  
of Strawn's own incredulity  
crept into the tale, nor did he mini-  
mize the fact that it was Dundee  
who had unearthed most of the  
new facts and made all of the  
deductions from them.

When he had finished, O'Brien's  
blue eyes were twinkling. "Didn't  
I tell you to park your imagination  
before taking your new job, Bon-  
nie?" he reproved his nephew  
fondly. "Well, Strawn, I suppose  
we'll have to humour this lad. Get  
New York on the wire. And ask  
for Inspector Holloway. He's a  
friend of mine and he'll know all  
about the Sally Graves case. I'll  
talk."

While they were waiting for the  
long-distance call to be put  
through, Commissioner O'Brien  
took time off from his affectionate  
"riding" of his nephew to impress  
upon Lieutenant Strawn the fact  
that the search for Emil Sevier  
must be pursued relentlessly.

"I'm not letting up on Sevier,"  
Strawn growled. "As far as I'm  
concerned, he's still the man we're  
looking for."

"After an exchange of cordial  
greetings, O'Brien rumbled into  
the mouthpiece: "Listen, Hollo-  
way, have you anything new on  
that Sally Graves murder?"  
Well, I've got some news for you,  
but I'll have to ask you to keep it  
quiet. Not a word in the news-  
papers until we give the word, or  
you may gum up a little party  
we've got on here. . . . Thanks,  
Holloway. I knew I could count  
on you. Now, listen!"

With an astonishing economy of  
words O'Brien informed the New  
York detective of all that had been  
learned from the documents hid-  
den under the trunk lid lining—  
that Sally Graves was really Mrs.  
Daniel Thomas Griffin, formerly of  
Belton, Mo., and that her mother,

Mrs. Emma Harkness, known as  
Mrs. Emma Hogarth, had been  
murdered. He answered questions  
with the precision and rapidity of  
a machine gun spitting out bullets.  
When at last he hung up the re-  
ceiver he mopped his florid brow  
and beamed on his subordinates.  
"Guess I gave Holloway a jolt, all  
right. He says they haven't made  
the slightest headway on the  
Graves case, but can go ahead now  
on the tip I've given him. They're  
sending a man to Belton to-night,  
and I guess you'd better hop down  
and make it a pleasant little  
two some, Strawn. First, though I  
want you to get the Belton chief  
of police on the wire for me. It  
may not even be necessary for you  
to make the trip."

"The telephone company must  
be trying to make a record for  
service," the commissioner chuck-  
led, when, after an astonishingly  
short interval, the Hamilton opera-  
tor announced, "Ready with Bel-  
ton."

"Hello, chief!" he shouted into  
the mouthpiece. "Police Commis-  
sioner O'Brien of Hamilton, . . .  
speaking. I'd like any infor-  
mation you can give me on Daniel  
Thomas Griffin, a former resident  
of your town. . . . That's right,  
Griffin! Griffin. . . . What's that?  
. . . Good Lord! . . . May, 1924,  
you say? . . . Yes, yes, go on! I  
can hear you! . . . No trace of  
him since then? . . . Can you give  
me a description of him now? . . .  
No, don't bother to call back. I'm  
sending one of my men down to  
Belton to-day. He'll explain when  
he gets there. . . . Thanks, old  
scout! Hope I can return the  
favour sometime. . . . Good-bye!"

"Don't keep us in suspense,"  
Strawn growled, as the police com-  
missioner rocked back and forth  
in his chair, smiling significantly  
at his nephew.

"Well, Bonnie! Score one for  
imagination!" his uncle chuckled.  
"There's little doubt, lad, that Dan  
Griffin was a bad penny, but so far  
we have no proof that he turned  
up in Hamilton. . . . All right,  
Strawn! Keep your shirt on! Here's  
the dope: Dan Griffin, his  
wife, Sally, and his mother-in-law,  
Mrs. Harkness, lived in Belton,  
Mo., until May, 1924. On May 10,  
1924, Dan Griffin, who was a clerk  
in the First National Bank of Bel-  
ton, relieved the bank of \$10,000  
in unidentifiable bills of varying  
denominations."

"What!" Strawn's tilted chair  
legs crashed to the floor. "Mrs.  
Hogarth's hidden hoard!"  
Dundee grinned at his chief's  
excitement, but said nothing,  
though his blue eyes were glitter-  
ing with triumph and excitement.  
"Maybe," the police commis-  
sioner agreed. "Anyway, Mrs.  
Harkness and Mrs. Griffin left  
town hurriedly a few hours be-  
fore the embezzlement was dis-  
covered by the bank examiner, but  
Dan Griffin was not with them.  
He was trailed to his deserted  
home, which he visited shortly  
after his wife and mother-in-law  
had taken a train. But there his  
trail ended. He has so far never  
been arrested for his crime, and  
the police also failed to trace the  
movements of Mrs. Harkness and  
Mrs. Griffin."

"Did you get a description of  
Griffin?" Dundee asked.  
"No. The Belton chief was talk-  
ing from memory. Said their  
files had been destroyed in a fire  
two years ago, before he became  
chief of police, but that he could  
secure a description for me from  
bank officials. I told him not to  
bother, that I was sending you  
down to-day, Strawn. But I want  
that description as soon as you  
can wire it back—in code, of  
course. . . . And Bonnie, you're in  
charge of the case from this end  
until Strawn gets back. I'll re-  
mind that order about parking  
your imagination, but—keep your  
head, lad."

(To be Continued.)

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thank the electrician, Mr. Smith,  
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### GROWING ENTHUSIASM AT HOME.

Remarkable evidence of the growing enthusiasm for flying as a sport is given by some figures just issued by National Flying Services covering the first few months working of the National Flying Services Clubs.

Since the Hanworth Club opened on 31st August there has been a continuous influx of new members. The Club now has over 600 members, and 146 have already been taken up for instruction. Out of these, 53 have been trained to the point of flying "solo," of whom 35 have secured their "A" licences as private pilots.

The incoming of winter has done nothing to damp the ardour of the members to get into the air. The flying carried out in the course of the past eleven weeks amounts to 1446 hours, a total surpassing that of many an Air Force Squadron and far exceeding the record of any other flying club.

An equal keenness for flying is shown at flying centres all over the country. The Hull Aero Club, which was started by National Flying Services on October 11th, succeeded in flying a total of 87 hours during its first month, despite interruptions caused by bad weather. The Nottingham Club, which is working with one machine lent to it by N.F.S., flew 55 hours in September and 45 hours in October. With its excellent new aerodrome at Tollerton, provided by the Nottingham Corporation, it is one of the most flourishing infants in the flying club world.

At Reading, the Berks, Bucks, and Oxon Aeroplane Club started active flying with one machine on 23rd Sept., and proceeded to display its vitality by flying 81 hours up to the end of October, and adding another 30 hours by the 12th of Nov. Much of this flying was done with a machine belonging to Hanworth which was flown to Reading and back every day.

Finally, the Yorkshire Aeroplane Club, which joined forces with

## COMING ELECTION.

### POLITICAL POSSIBILITIES IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, Dec. 23. The Diet was convened this morning, the formal opening in the presence of the Emperor, being on December 26. The Diet will adjourn for the New Year recess on the following day and re-open on January 21.

As the Seiyukai holds a majority in the lower House of 239 to 171. Minseitō representatives, it is freely reported that the Government has tentatively decided to dissolve the Diet about January 23 for the purpose of seeking a working majority at the polls after the Foreign and Finance Ministers have announced their policies.

Some close observers think it likely, however, that the Government will strive to postpone the dissolution until the Naval Conference in London has been concluded, as a general election during its progress would tend to distract the Government's attention.

Moreover, owing to the expense and disturbance of trade involved, many consider it inadvisable to plunge the country into the throes of a general election so soon after the lifting of the gold embargo on January 11, the immediate effects of which require careful attention.—Reuter.

National Flying Services on 15th October, flew 49 hours up to the end of the month and raised its score to approximately 80 hours by the 15th November.

The National Flying Services has now completed 2250 hours of flying—for the most part instructional flying—without the slightest injury being suffered by any pupil. 25 aircraft, carrying the emblem of National Flying Services, Ltd., are now in commission, and this number will be substantially increased as deliveries are made of the Desoutter three-seater "Sports Coupe" and the Blackburn "Bluebird" machines. The first of the Desoutters are now being delivered.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after the 27th December, 1929 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson and Ash on the 24th December, 1929 at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Undersigned before the 31st December, 1929 or they will not be recognized.

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Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representative on any Tuesdays & Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

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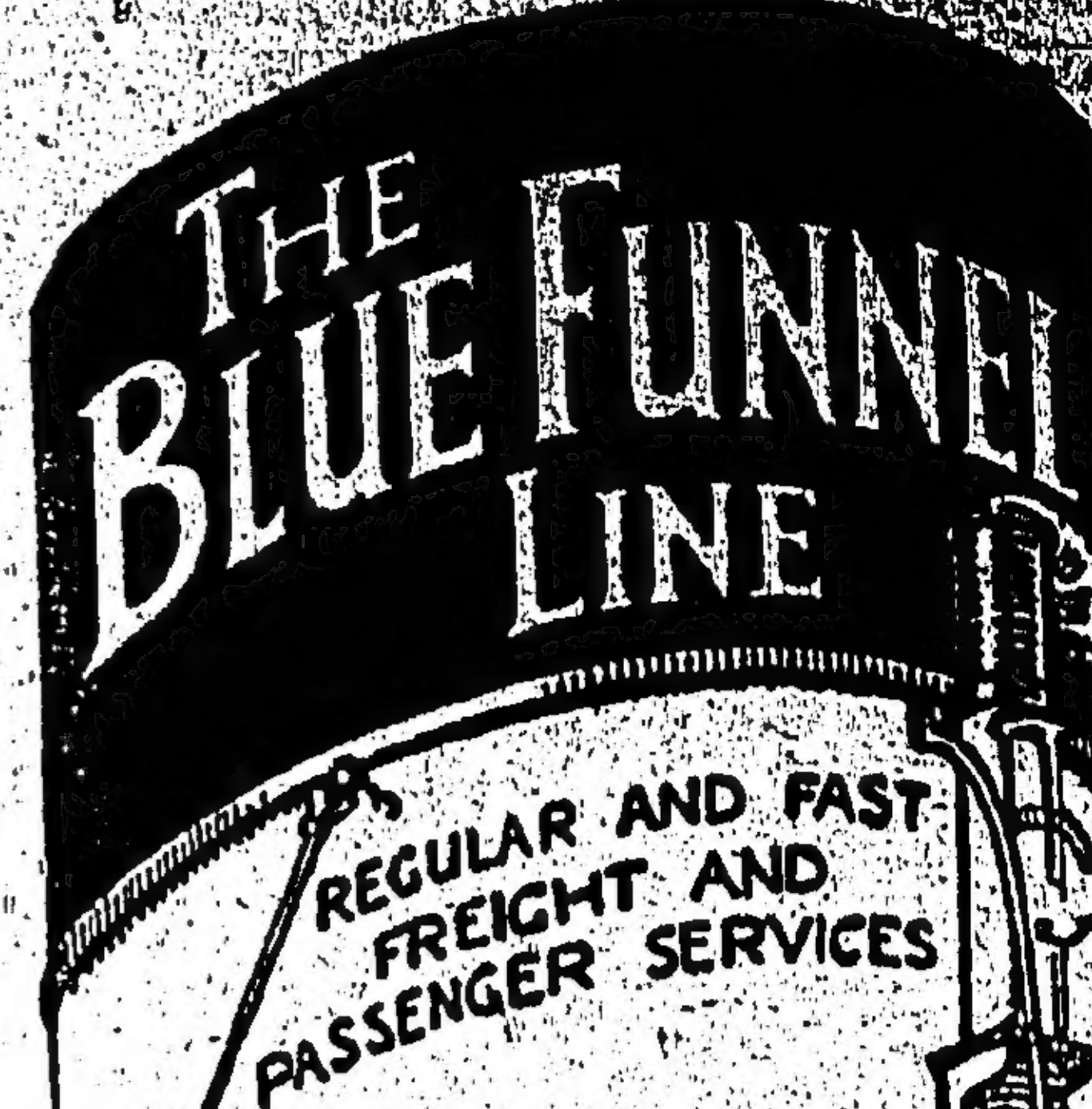
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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 29th December, 1929, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 31st January, 1930, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday or Friday, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon, within the Free Storage Period of one week. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by.

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Hongkong, 23rd, December, 1929.

## JAPAN'S MINISTER.

## CHINA UNABLE TO AGREE TO APPOINTMENT.

Nanking, Dec. 23. It is learned that the National Government will very shortly inform the Japanese Government that it is unable to agree to the appointment of Mr. Ohata in view of the objection of the Chinese people. The opinion is expressed in influential quarters that the opposition to Mr. Ohata is not directed against the Japanese people; on the other hand, the Chinese people are anxious to strengthen the friendly feelings between China and Japan and sincerely hope that the Japanese Government will soon name its Minister.—Reuter.

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S. S. "ANGERS".

Arrived Hongkong on Wednesday the 18th December, 1929.

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Consignees of Cargo by the above named steamer are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery can be obtained as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

All claims must be sent to the undersigned before the Friday the 27th December, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1929.

## WIFE'S DEATH.

## TRAGIC NEWS FOR NEW ZEALAND AIRMAN.

Wellington, Dec. 23. The death of Mrs. Chichester, here, suddenly, of Mrs. Chichester, the wife of the airman Chichester, who crashed at Tripoli yesterday.—Reuter.

## LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

RING, RIND, MIND, MILD,

MILL, BILL, BELL.

## SERGEANT CHARGED.

SHANTUNG OFFICER IN DOCK.

That he struck a Chinese woman in the temple, knocking her down, and then kicking her, were the allegations made against Pi Shih-hsi, the Shantung Police sergeant, when he was charged before Mr. Hamilton at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon, with causing grievous bodily harm to Lo Chak, a married woman.

Lo Chak, who was taken to the G.C.H. after the alleged incident, died there on December 7th from the effects of pneumonia, and the police officer was then charged with manslaughter, but this was amended to causing bodily harm when the case came before the court last week.

Mr. L. R. Andrewes, the Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution and Mr. F. C. E. Rendall defended.

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In opening the case, Mr. Andrewes said that the alleged offence took place about 1 a.m. on December 2 in Water Lane, outside the rear of No. 41. The deceased, Lo Chak, resided with her husband and family at No. 44 Tung Street, but on the night in question she was sleeping at the rear of No. 41 Water Lane, with her husband and daughter-in-law, who worked as a seamstress. Her daughter-in-law had a machine there. About 1 a.m. she was awakened by her son, who was followed by the defendant, who arrested the son just near to where the deceased was sleeping. The defendant was on duty about that time at the junction of Hollywood Road and Tung Street, and about 1 o'clock, the deceased's son was walking up Tung Street, when it appeared that he interfered in some way with a Chinese female who was walking in the road, causing her to call out for help. The defendant heard the call, and went to her assistance, but the son ran away to where his mother and family were sleeping. The defendant and the girl followed him and when they arrived on the scene, the defendant arrested the man in the presence of his mother, father and wife. The mother apparently thought her son was being roughly handled and remonstrated with the defendant and it was alleged that he turned and struck her on the temple, knocking her down and kicking her. After this everybody proceeded to the Police Station and the deceased was sent to the Government Civil Hospital, where she was examined by a Chinese doctor, and subsequently by Dr. Thomas. Both of them reported that they could find no external marks of assault, and there were no bruises or injuries. Deceased was detained at the Hospital and later developed the symptoms of pneumonia, from which she died on December 7. Just prior to her death she made a dying deposition in the presence of Mr. Grantham and Mr. Rendall, the most pertinent part of which was to the effect that the defendant "struck me on the temple and I fell to the ground. He then gave me a kick."

Post Mortem.

The Magistrate asked if, in view of the fact that the woman died from pneumonia and not from the blows alleged to have been given, did the prosecution consider that the blows also caused grievous bodily harm.

Mr. Andrewes replied that subsequent to the woman's death, Dr. Thomas held a post mortem, when

he found that the condition of the brain was injured, either through a blow or a fall. That was sufficient to justify the charge. In addition to the evidence they had to present.

Both Dr. Thomas and Dr. Koo gave evidence and stated that death was due to the effects of pneumonia. Dr. Thomas also said that he conducted a post mortem and found that the deceased's brain had been injured either by a blow or a fall.

The son of the deceased was another witness, but he denied that he interfered in any way with the female. He was walking along the lane at the time when a woman rushed into him and then screamed. He turned to go away and the defendant chased him.

After the husband of the deceased had given evidence as to the arrest of his son and the manner in which the defendant had assaulted the deceased, the hearing was adjourned.

## "EVEREADY" CASES.

CONVICTION WITHOUT PENALTY ASKED FOR.

An application for a conviction without penalty was made by Mr. D. H. Blake, before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday, in the case of the Nam King Manufacturing Co. and the Hui Chuen Printing Shop, who were charged in respect of possession of labels which were colourable imitations of the "Eveready" Trade Mark.

Mr. Hin-ahing, Lo (instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall) appeared for the Nam King Company, the Hui Chuen, being unrepresented.

Mr. Blake said that the Hui Chuen Printers were represented by Mr. J. M. Remedios in negotiations with the complainants and, together with Mr. Lo, they were prepared to plead guilty to the charges. The prosecution were asking for a conviction but were not pressing for any penalty, as arrangements had been made on the same grounds as in the two summonses which were previously withdrawn.

The defendants had given an undertaking and ordered the destruction of the blocks from which the labels were printed as well as paid compensation. They had also agreed to advertise an apology.

Mr. Lo said that he had been instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall that their clients had come to terms with the complainants and, in consenting to entering the plea of guilty, Mr. Lo explained to his Worship that his clients had commenced business at the beginning of the year and, in introducing the design, which had had no intention of deceiving the public.

His Worship accordingly registered a conviction without penalty.

## U.S. PRODUCTION.

## A COMMENT ON THE CONTINUED DECLINE.

Washington, Dec. 23.

The Federal Reserve Board's report states that industrial production declined in November, the fifth consecutive month, but the decline in employment is less than the decline in production.

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## BOATMEN FINED.

ONE MAN PUTS UP STIFF FIGHT.

In prosecuting two boatmen before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of being in possession of 14 pounds of dutiable tobacco and 3½ gallons of dutiable Chinese wine, Detective Sergeant Humphreys described the second defendant as a man of tremendous strength, who had put up a fight and did not submit to arrest until the officers had experienced much difficulty.

It was stated that the wine and tobacco were found concealed in various parts of the defendants' junk, which was lying in the Yau-mut 'Typhoon Shelter. During the course of the fight with the second defendant, who defied arrest until threatened with a revolver and a pole, a large quantity of spirits from one jar was spilled, otherwise the amount in the charge would have been more.

The Police found evidence of the wine having been brought into the Colony for sale here although the defendants had stated that they had purchased the spirit and tobacco for their own consumption. The raiders seized 15 large bottles of wine and, as the junk had arrived the day before their visit, the boatmen must have disposed of most of what they had brought into the Colony.

The junk, according to Detective Sergeant Humphreys, was engaged by the Kwong Wah Hospital authorities to transport coffins from the Tung Kun District and the defendants were probably carrying on a trade in illicit contraband as a side line.

Each defendant was fined \$50 or one month's hard labour on the first charge and a further \$20 or 14 days' hard labour on the second.

## FOR SERVICE-MEN.

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Some three hundred Service-men were the guests of Lady Clement at Government House yesterday evening. Dancing commenced at 4 p.m. to music provided by H.M.S. Kent's dance band. A large number of ladies was present and the ballroom was packed. Tea was served in two sittings at 4.30 and 6 p.m.

After about an hour and a half's dancing, a diversion was created with the following enjoyable programme: Duet, Mrs. Womack and Mr. Richards, "The Vencell Song"; Mr. Mussen and Major Tuke, banjo and piano; Song, Mrs. Womack, Waltz Song from "Tom Jones"; Song, Mr. D. M. Richards, "Nelson's gone sailing"; Dick Barry and his Piano.

All the numbers were excellently rendered, and were enthusiastically received. More dancing followed, and at 7 p.m. a further programme was presented, consisting of the following: Duet, Mrs. Womack and Mr. Richards, "The Merry Month of May"; Mr. Mussen and Major Tuke, banjo and piano; Song, Mrs. Womack, "Bohemia"; Song, Mr. Richards, "Leaning"; Song, Mrs. Womack, "Bohemia"; Dick Barry and his piano.

These items were also enthusiastically received, and it was with great difficulty that Dick Barry was allowed to forsake his comic songs and play the "King," thus bringing to a close what was unanimously voted by all a really jolly evening.

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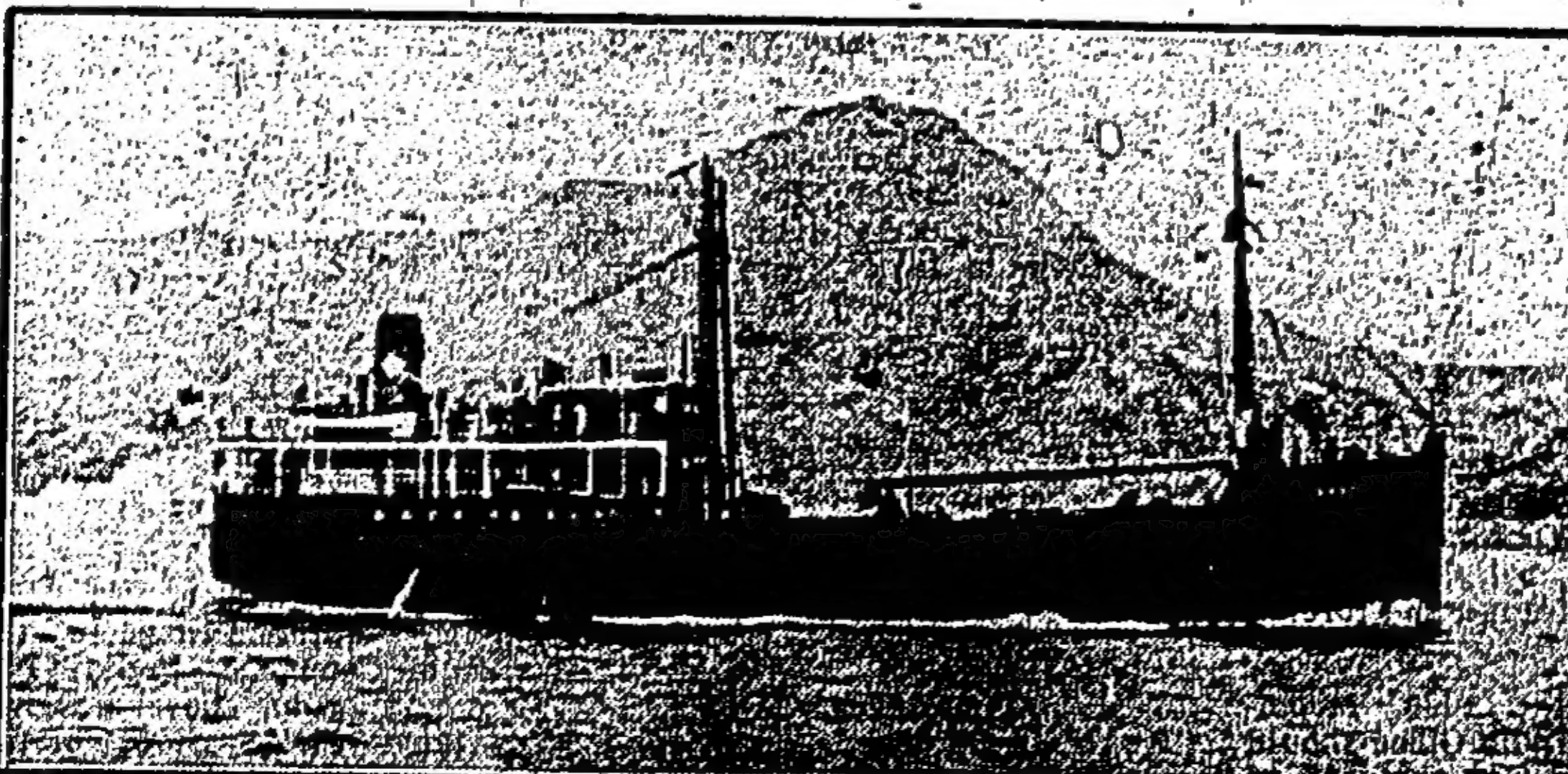
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MANTUA	10,948	3rd Jan.		S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TALMA	10,000	7th Jan.		Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
NELLORE	6,853	7th Jan.		Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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SERIOUS CHARGE OF STEALING ACCESSORIES.

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Three charges of stealing motor car accessories were preferred against a Chinese, name Kwok Suk-kan, the owner of public motor vehicle No. 26, at the Central Magistracy this morning. There were alternative charges of receiving.

The complainants were the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Company: Lam Ying, of the Sang Yee building; contractors, and Chin Si-kee.

The articles alleged to have been stolen or received by defendant included a motor car bumper, a jack, pliers, wrenches, brushes, etc.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared for the defence, and the defendant pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Mr. Rendall asked for a date to be fixed for hearing, and applied for bail.

Mr. Hamilton, the Magistrate, said he must fix bail at \$1,000, as the police were bound to regard the alleged offences as serious, as car thefts in the Colony were becoming common, and this was not an isolated case.

Mr. Rendall pointed out that the defendant earned his living in Hongkong by means of owning a public car, and he was not likely to run away.

The case is to be heard on Monday next.

## ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF VICEROY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Lord Irwin and his staff were returning to Delhi at the conclusion of a most successful tour of the leading Indian states. The bomb was placed on the rail and exploded as the train passed over. The whole of the train was considerably shaken but nevertheless arrived at Delhi punctually. The opinion is expressed that the outrage was an attempt at sabotage against a conference with the Nationalist leaders.

The Viceroy's train was travelling at fifty miles an hour in a thick fog, two miles outside the New Delhi station, where the Viceroy's train heard the detonation, at first attributed to a fog signal.

A medical officer aboard the train first discovered the disaster.

Leaders' Wishes.

It was while visiting Hyderabad that the Viceroy received an intimation that the Nationalist leaders, Gandhi, Motilal Nehru, Patel, Jinnah and Sir Tej Sapru, wished to give him their views on the recent announcement regarding a round table conference on the future constitution of India. The Viceroy accordingly invited them to meet him at Viceroy's house to-day.

The meeting was additionally important as the All-India Congress opens at Lahore on Thursday to consider action to be taken by the Congress Party in view of its decision at the beginning of the year to start a campaign of civil resistance to British rule if Dominion status is not granted by December 31.

The Nationalist leaders' request to the Viceroy was construed as a bid to reach a compromise; hence it was thought the bomb outrage was designed to wreck any possibility of reconciliation.—Reuter.

## INDIA'S MINIMUM DEMANDS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Without the Governor-General's sanction, the Legislature, they suggest, should be incompetent to deal with the public debt and public revenues, religious affairs, British defence forces, and foreign relations.

The Committee also recommends that the India Office should transfer to the Government of India powers to raise loans and recruit services.

It feels that the Secretary of State for India should be assisted by two Indian Under-Secretaries, at least one of whom should sit in Parliament.

Finally, they propose that a Military College and a Supreme Court should be established in India.—Reuter.

## PACIFIC AERIAL SERVICE.

DIRIGIBLES TO CALL AT MANILA.

CO-OPERATION OF IMPORTA-  
INTERESTS ASSURED.

MAMMOTH AIRSHIPS.

Akron, Dec. 17.

The co-operation of steamship, airplane and financial interests in the first all-American Zepplin airship line on the Pacific ocean was disclosed to-day in a list of new directors just added to the directorate of the Pacific Transport Company.

The new directors represent the interests above mentioned and their addition to the directorate considerably broadens the scope of the company, which formerly was limited to the Goodyear Zepplin Company interests. The enlargement of the directorate was announced here to-day by Mr. Paul Litchfield, chairman of the board.

The company contemplates an airship line between the Pacific coast and the Orient. Hangars are planned for the West coast, and the Far East, while at first only a mooring mast will be erected in Hawaii.

Bi-Weekly Service.

Earlier reports revealed the scope and significance of plans being laid for the coast to Manila - dirigible service.

Financing, operating and building plans are all made for giant dirigibles which will cruise from the Pacific coast to Manila carrying 80 passengers and up to ten tons of express and mail, in bi-weekly service, reducing by one-third the three-week journey now made by steamships.

It is believed that the first commercial dirigible will be ready for operation by the end of 1932 and the full trans-Pacific airway will be opened before the end of 1933.

Through to Manila.

"We contemplate going right through to Manila in our initial operation," says Mr. Paul W. Litchfield, president of the Goodyear Zepplin Company, who was made chairman of the board of the Pacific Zepplin Transport Corporation.

The dirigibles planned for the service will be the largest Zepplins in the world. In design they will be similar to the two new Navy airships ZRS-4 and ZRS-5, which will cost approximately \$4,000,000 apiece to build. They will have an overall length of 800 feet and a gas lifting capacity of 6,500,000 cubic feet. The gas capacity of the Graf Zeppelin is 4,700,000 cubic feet and that of the new British dirigibles 5,000,000 cubic feet.

Four of these ships will maintain a service out to Hawaii, the trip requiring a day and a half west-bound across the Pacific and two days returning. The difference in time will be due to the fact that the prevailing winds across the mid Pacific are easterly. The through trip to Manila, a journey of nearly 6,000 miles, will be made in one week of flying.

Emergency Mast.

"We have picked out a far point under the American flag," said Commander Hunsacker, one of the directors, "and that point, Manila, determines our present sphere of operation. Our only two known stopping points will be Honolulu and Manila. We will have an emergency mast probably on the island of Guam, but we will not make regular stops there. The question of the California base has not yet been decided upon. We are planning to build a large construction hangar somewhere in southern California. The site has not yet been selected."

Commander Hunsacker said that a large part of the construction work of the first of the Pacific dirigibles would be done at the new dirigible "dock" at Akron, Ohio, where the Navy craft are to be built.

## THE YOUNG PLAN.

MR. STIMSON THINKS IT BENEFICIAL.

Washington, Dec. 23.

Mr. H. L. Stimson, Secretary of State, in the course of his daily talk with newspapermen, expressed gratification at the defeat of the opposition to the Young Plan in Germany.

He said he still felt strongly that the Young Plan would prove beneficial to the general stabilization of economic conditions in Europe, and also expressed pleasure at the settlement of Sino-Russian difficulties.—Reuter.

## MUTINY OF TROOPS IN MACAO.

REBELLIOUS SOLDIERS FORCED TO SUBMIT.

HOLD OUT TWO DAYS.

Further details have been received in the Colony regarding the mutiny of a number of Portuguese artillerymen at Macao. It appears that some seventy of these men revolted because of dissatisfaction regarding their pay, and that they held out, in the fort in which they were quartered, from Sunday, until this morning, when they surrendered and were "disarmed." Loyal troops had previously surrounded the fort with the idea of starving the mutineers out.

When the S. S. Chuen Chow arrived in Hongkong at noon to-day, having left Macao early this morning, a Telegraph representative gathered from those on board that the trouble broke out at Monte Fort sometime during Sunday. The mutineers—about 70 in number—isolated themselves in their particular section of the fort and refused to obey orders until their demands for a revision of pay were acceded to.

The Government took prompt measures, calling all other troops on instant duty and putting all available police on the streets to preserve order. Throughout the remainder of Sunday the mutineers remained adamant and the Government conveyed to them an ultimatum that unless they surrendered within 24 hours they would be fired on. A military aeroplane reconnoitred over the fort to make this threat more impressive.

Monday morning still saw the disaffected troops holding out and the Government again renewed its threat of strong action. It was not until early this (Tuesday) morning that the mutinous men gave in, and, as the boat was about to leave Macao, it was learned that the men had been disarmed and placed under strong military guard.

Throughout Sunday and Monday the people of the town were more or less apprehensive, few being seen on the streets, the theatres and gaming houses doing very little business.

The acting Consul for Portugal in Hongkong informs us that he received, this morning, a cable from the Governor of Macao briefly reporting on the affair. This stated that a small group of soldiers of the garrison stationed at Monte Fort, and led by a sergeant suspected of advanced ideas, rebelled on Sunday and disregarded the orders of the Government.

The telegram states that the mutinous troops were immediately surrounded and they submitted this morning to military force. No casualties occurred, and all parties responsible have been handed over to a military Tribunal.

It is added that the city is perfectly quiet and normal.

## REMOVING TRADE UNCERTAINTY.

MR. SNOWDEN ON REPEAL OF DUTIES.

BUDGET POSSIBILITY.

London, Dec. 23.

In the House of Commons to-day, with a view to "removing industrial uncertainty regarding procedure in the event of the silk, sugar, McKenna and Safeguarding Duties being repealed in the next Budget," Mr. Philip Snowden, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, made an important statement.

Whilst he declined to anticipate the Budget, Mr. Snowden said if the silk and sugar duties were repealed, some scheme of rebates would be devised to meet the position of holders of duty-paid stocks.

Regarding the McKenna and Safeguarding Duties, Mr. Snowden said drawbacks on duty-paid exports would continue to be paid.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has already made it known that various Safeguarding Duties will not be renewed after the period of which they have been imposed.—Reuter.

## WAR MATERIALS FROM GERMANY.

EXPORTATION TO CHINA QUERIED.

London, Dec. 23.

During question-time in the House of Commons to-day Mr. Arthur Henderson, Foreign Secretary, stated that evasions of the prohibition of the German export of war materials had so far been insufficiently important to justify the attention by the League of Nations Council being drawn thereto.

Sir Frederick Hall asked whether the proposed exportation of sixteen railway truckloads of munitions to China was insufficient to justify intervention.

Mr. Henderson promised to consider an inquiry into the matter if Sir Frederick Hall would provide him with information.—Reuter.

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